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Rich Gloster's Deer BIG E...



ICE SCULPTOR RICH GLOSTER of Suffield Street, Agawam, owner and operator of Alvin's Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension, works on a carving of a stag during a demonstration sponsored by Rondeau Ice Co. on September 21st at THE BIG E.

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Tax Problems Solved By The IRS's Problem Resolution Program

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Is there anyone in the IRS who can help people with tax problems like these? Yes, there is!

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The Taxpayer Advocate makes certain that taxpayer rights are protected, helping with delayed refunds, unanswered inquiries, and incorrect billing notices. The Advocate cuts through the red tape, ensuring that tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels are handled properly.

"Many problems are solved within a few days, but some do take longer. Each case gets personal attention," said local Taxpayer Advocate Alyce Hannan.

How can taxpayers contact PRP? They can fax their information by dialing (617) 565-4959, or write to the Taxpayer Advocate at:

IRS Problem Resolution Office
JFK Building, P.O. Box 9112
Boston, MA 02203

Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.

Agawam Senior Ctr. Hires Joan Linnehan As Activity Director

The Agawam Senior Center welcomes Joan Linnehan, its new activity director. She resides in Springfield, MA, with her husband, Mike, and seven year-old son, Patrick.

She has worked as an activity director for the past 15 years and is skilled in coordinating local trips and a variety of activities. She has an associate degree in liberal arts from Holyoke Community College and a bachelor of arts in social work from Elms College in Chicopee.

Joan enjoys many hobbies and talents, including singing, dancing, arts and crafts, ceramics, flower arranging, and sweatshirt design. On off-hours, she likes to travel and has been to Paris, Ireland, Hawaii, and on two cross-country trips.

This summer, she played left center for the 25-1 Springfield Division B, Co-Ed Slo Pitch Softball championship team from Gus & Paul's Deli & Bakery.

Joan is a people person and is planning additional "International Days" and local trips to enhance the already-scheduled activities. She is looking forward to working with all the staff and seniors to add spice to this already-seasoned Agawam Senior Center.

WELCOME ABOARD!!!



JOAN LINNEHAN

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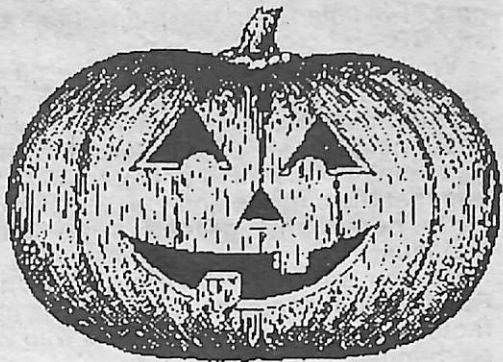
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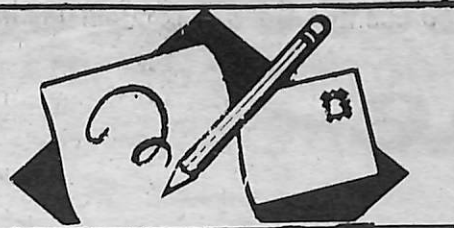
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Letters To The Editor

AHS AD Sends Out Kudos For Berkshire's Golf Tournament

To The Editor:

On behalf of the student athletes of Agawam High School, I wish to thank the participants, hole sponsors, raffle prize donators, volunteers, Ron Dunn and his staff at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, and Berkshire Power for their efforts in making the third Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Department once again a success.

The tournament raised \$6,780.81 for the High School Athletic Department. This money will be used to purchase the "extras" not covered in a school budget.

Proceeds from the previous two tournaments allowed for the installation of two new outdoor basketball courts at the High School, the building of dugouts for the varsity baseball diamond, the building of bench areas for the varsity softball diamond, and the changeover to red clay infields for both the baseball and softball diamonds.

Once again, thank you to all who made this event a lot of fun and a success for many.

Kathleen E. McSweeney
Director of Athletics, Health,
& Physical Education
Agawam Public Schools

Environmental Objections To Power Plant

To The Editor:

I would like to explain my increasing objections to Berkshire Power's plans for building a power plant in Agawam.

My concerns are the same as those of many others here and are mostly environmentally related to venting waste combustion gases and steam to the atmosphere.

I've thought long and hard about the problem and as I have a background of firing steam boilers, can well recall our problem with pollution down wind during the energy crunch. Because, in this case, the amount of pollution would be less severe, don't forget that it still exists and even an excess of water in the atmosphere can be a hazard and should be viewed as pollution.

Why not illiminate it?

When gases under pressure are released in such a way that they can expand swiftly enough, they quickly lose heat and condense. This being the case, I have some suggestions to offer.

Here is something to think about with the new alignment in financing. Berkshire Power might even become superfluous.

A few years ago, I took part in a PR tour to the site on Northfield Mt. where Northeast Utilities was tunneling a huge chamber for turbines and pumps for use with its off-peak power storage reservoir on top of the mountain. It demonstrated the practical use in the granite of Western Mass. of a technology which might perhaps be used in the burning of natural gas or liquid fuels for generating power.

Since the present proposed plan is for Tennessee Gas to enter the picture directly along with its El Paso parent company, let me suggest that their pipeline exits the Berkshires on the east side of Sodom Mt. in Southwick and that they have already had the experience of tunneling in Berkshire rock and that perhaps they might be willing to at least take a look at the idea of discharging the steam and combustion gases into a tunnel large enough and with an upward sloping grade so the condensate of water along with carbon, ash, and sulphur could be recovered from a pool.

From a power plant backed into the mountain, couldn't this be done?

Sincerely,
Walter P. Harrington
Feeding Hills

District Learning Team Seeks Public Support

To The Editor:

A unique, hard-working, and enthusiastic group called the Agawam District Learning Team (DLT) is holding its first meeting on Monday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High cafeteria.

This is a group that consists of School Committee members, the Superintendent of Schools, principals, teachers, parents, high school students, and community members.

Its goal is to help in the restructuring of the Agawam schools to provide the best education there can possibly be. Please come to the meeting and see what we are all about.

Everyone is invited. We need as much input as we can get. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
The Agawam District Learning Team

Election Ballot Needs To Be Published By AAN

To The Editor:

It would be a great service to many of our seniors if you would publish a copy of the Agawam October primary ballot and the November election ballot with the matching lever numbers and candidates' names in sequence.

Then we could pick the candidates we want to vote for at our leisure at home and take a list of our selection with correct lever numbers at the booth.

Then, card in hand, with my lever numbers—click, click, click, etc. Bingo! I'm out of there.

Can you imagine how long I would be in the booth, peering through my bifocals, searching through 25 candidates to pick my 11 councilors?

It would also be a service to our young working class voters, impatiently standing in line waiting for us old fuddy-duddies to make up our mind!

Hey, I'm 88 years-old. I'm one of them! I get a kink in my neck from peering that long. Help! Help!

H. Kretschmar
Agawam

Johnson Deserves Continued Support By Town's Voters

To The Editor:

Primary election in the Town of Agawam looms large on the horizon - October 7th.

For almost 50 years, I have been an active and responsible voter and campaigner. The Primary election is most important because therein lies the choices.

Mayor Christopher Johnson deserves your vote that day and on Election Day. He has demonstrated skilled leadership and is knowledgeable in government affairs. Our city is wonderfully improved under his leadership.

We need to keep our city, a community people are proud to live in.

Jean M. Clifford
Agawam

Council Candidate Russo Brings Out The Facts

To The Editor:

Many who read this letter will have to agree with me that candidate for City Council Louis Russo is an outspoken person.

Is he an outspoken person for his own personal gain? I've listened to him many times and I have to say **NO**.

While on speak time at the Council meetings or his letters to the editor, has Louis Russo personally informed you, the taxpayers, about important happenings that affect you and the City of Agawam? I've listened and read and I have to say **Yes** that the citizens and the City of Agawam have both personally **gained** from Mr. Russo's dialogue.

Do you want to elect a councilman like Louie Russo who researches and gives us hard, honest facts or do you want councilors who are controlled, blinded, or clickey?

Dave Modzeleski
Agawam

State Legislator On Side Of Powerful Energy Lobby

To The Editor:

Several weeks ago, yours truly disclosed to this journal's audience how state legislator Dennis "the Menace" Murphy was siding with a proposed utility for the purpose of destroying our Town. In a letter this journal failed to publish, I suggested why Mr. Murphy may be behaving and politically moving in this current direction.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, September 29th
Meeting of Agawam District Learning Team (DLT)
At the Agawam Junior High cafeteria
7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 29th
"Senior Night" for AHS seniors & their parents
At Agawam High School cafeteria
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 3rd
"First Friday Series" presents Guy Morin,
A Civil War Soldier - "A Journey To The Past"
At Agawam Public Library
7:30 p.m.
(Admission is free)

Monday, October 6th
Meeting of Agawam Lioness Club
At the Lions Den (on the Big E grounds)
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

The Sunday Republican of this past week proved my point. The utilities Mr. Murphy seems so fond of have been among many who have contributed thousands to the School Committee campaign of his aide, a Mr. Fyntrilakis.

Now, no one need ever wonder why Mr. Murphy is so cozy with utilities.

Mr. Murphy, after all, chairs the Energy Committee. His role in deregulation may be huge. Naturally, utilities hope to put a committee chairman in their corner, especially when he chairs an Energy Committee. He rails against the DPU because that is what that lobby told him to do.

This lobby has proven, in fact, an excellent indicator to where he will stand on issues. When he killed expansion of the bottle bill, the soft drink industry rewarded him. Now, here's a list of contributors, no strangers to the Town of Agawam, who may have influenced the views of Mr. Murphy against the DPU.

1) Michael P. Walsh, former state rep. and lobbyist, donated \$200 to Mr. Fyntrilakis, who will also be working on deregulation. Only \$100 of this came from Mr. Walsh's campaign committee.

2) No less than \$2,250 was also donated by no fewer than 14 energy lobbyists in the Boston area.

Mr. Fyntrilakis had no less than \$20,490 in receipts reported in his disclosure form. His nearest competitor could claim in receipts no more than \$3,650.

Mr. Murphy himself may be in question concerning campaign finance laws because of the considerable assistance he lent his protege. It would appear Mr. Murphy lent his aide his very own campaign office.

That the lobbyists all can expect to be rewarded seems indicated by the fact that Mr. Murphy, himself, approached them for the money. Mr. Murphy, predictably, denies this but the lobbyists who would speak to *The Sunday Republican* noted how Mr. Murphy, in fact, called them.

If we lose, and Berkshire Power pollutes and plagues our Town, we may have shoddy campaign finance laws to blame for that.

Sincerely,
Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

Senior Citizen Expresses Views On Mayoral Election

To The Editor:

With election time now approaching, the Mayor, in his bid for reelection, is reaching out to the senior citizens of Agawam. He promises to focus on our needs and to give our concerns more of his consideration.

If history is any proof, that is exactly what most of them remain; promises. The Mayor's perpetual repeat performance continues to outline all he has done or will do for seniors at the Senior Center and for seniors who reside in public housing. I am taking this means as a way to separate some facts from fiction in response to questionable claims made by the Mayor and some of his appointees.

Since you don't honor all office appointments or individuals equally, this statement is made as a promise, Mr. Johnson. When you make your usual pilgrimage to the Senior Center, as you will, come prepared to answer questions directed to outline what you haven't done to enhance the lives and comfort of the senior citizens of Agawam.

As the mayor, you are responsible for the appointment of four of the five members who compromise the Board of Directors of the Agawam Housing Authority. As their sponsor, you should also be held accountable for their lack of knowledge and their failure to give proper consideration when addressing issues of real concern to seniors residing in public housing.

The Housing Board and its appointed Executive Director have chosen not to act in a responsible manner as outlined in state documents. Decisions made and policies adopted by these individuals are not consistent nor equal in application.

In too many instances this body functions under the means of a double standard! There are strict guidelines outlined in state manuals which define to what extent tenants are to be involved with and included in when major policy-making decisions are discussed before adoption.

All too often, the Executive Director and the local Housing Authority Board have made it difficult for the majority of seniors to be included or

truly represented in these decision-making policies which so much affect them.

When the majority of tenants are not invited or allowed to participate in policy-making procedures, it becomes apparent that we as tenants have had our rights to decide what is in our best interest taken from us!!

We, as tenants, comprise the majority in senior housing, not the minority (as assumed by a few individuals who in reality are the minority). We, as senior citizens, are here by invitation! And others (staff, Executive Director, or Board member) are all here by appointment or employment.

In whatever category they fall under, they are here to listen to our concerns and to service our needs, **and not vice versa!**

It has become apparent some who toil or act in this capacity have either forgotten or choose not to act in a manner acceptable to most of us. These are the individuals we approach when we have a request or a need for service such as a repair. These are the same individuals we turn to with suggestions meant to enhance the lives of all residents.

This and only this is their main function and I am here to remind them that without tenants, there would be absolutely no need for their existence in any capacity.

We have lived long, honest, and productive lives in every manner. We did everything expected of us to the best of our ability as parents and as citizens. Sometimes, certain types of individuals have to be reminded of this. This is one of those times!

Vincent Talevi
Agawam


T.I.P. Seeks Support For Its Upcoming Fundraiser

To The Editor & Townspeople:

T.I.P. (Truth in Politics) held its mid-September meeting to review its plans for the upcoming primary and election.

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

After reviewing ALL of the past two years of council meeting transcripts, the philosophy of T.I.P. is to remind the voters to have their counselors accountable for their actions and promises.

T.I.P. will be reminding the residents of the councilors' positions and promises during the weeks to come.

T.I.P. has been overwhelmed with the interest the citizens of Agawam have shown. T.I.P. is planning its fall fundraiser; meanwhile, you can send your donation to: T.I.P., P.O. Box 104, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please make your check payable to "T.I.P."

Sincerely,
Steve Brouillette, President
Paul Munzert, Treasurer
Linda Lewis, Secretary
Gary Arnold, Fundraiser Chairman

F. Hills Resident Believes Bitzas Deserves Reelection

To The Editor:

I have never written a letter to the editor before, but I have been following our town politics for many years and feel the need to make some comments about what I have observed.

I feel that our town is going in the right direction. I do remember the politics of the past when the council was constantly hiring and firing town managers and fighting amongst themselves.

I do not want to go back to the old politics of the past. I do agree that this present council has also had its problems and that we do need to make some changes. But not everything needs to change.

I believe that Councilor Bitzas is the one councilor that deserves to be reelected. He has conducted himself over the past eight years with dignity and professionalism.

He is a different kind of politician. He is honest and hard-working. He has proven many times that he really cares about our town and its people.

I am very impressed with Councilor Bitzas' work for the elderly, education, town services, veterans, athletics, and preserving open space in Agawam. Councilor Bitzas has earned our vote, and he deserves to be reelected.

I hope you join us Primary Day and vote for George Bitzas.

Sincerely,
Spiro Agapiou
Feeding Hills

Bitzas Continues To Be Outstanding City Councilor

To The Editor:

How often I have heard people say they would like to have good, capable candidates come forth to run for elective offices. To do this requires much time, energy, sacrifice, expense, and frequently exposes the candidate and, therefore, his family to negative and untruthful publicity.

The desire to serve one's community must, therefore, require stamina and devotion and a willingness to tolerate "stiff" criticism.

I believe George Bitzas has served on the Agawam City Council with integrity and outstanding energy. He is always available to discuss issues and willing to listen to opposing philosophies with an open mind to accomplish what is in the best interest of Agawam and its citizens.

I admire George for the many, varied causes in which he has been involved, and the dedication he has displayed to achieve many programs which affect all of us in a positive way.

I am proud to lend my support to reelect George Bitzas to the Agawam City Council. He is a candidate with the desire to serve his community with the energy and devotion necessary to do so, with pride in his many achievements and a willingness to continue.

I have been a resident of Agawam (except for a brief period) since 1942. I have been involved in many political campaigns when, in my opinion, the candidate was qualified. George Bitzas is qualified and should be reelected in the primary on Tuesday, October 7th.

Thank You,
Ellie Richards
Agawam

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Planners Issue Moratorium On Telecommunications Towers

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a unanimous vote, the Planning Board echoed the sentiments expressed by town residents at a public hearing last week by recommending a four-month moratorium on the construction of wireless telecommunications towers.

The Planning Board is requesting Town Council approval for a moratorium on wireless telecommunications towers so that officials can take the necessary time to consider zoning changes to better handle the proliferation of requests for such facilities.

Planning Director Deborah Dachos said a committee is working behind the scenes to draft an ordinance regulating cell towers that would be able to withstand a court challenge.

At its October 8th meeting, Town Council will hold a public hearing and decide whether to grant a four-month moratorium on cell phone towers.

Ms. Dachos said she hoped the Planning Board would be able to submit the draft ordinance for council consideration immediately after the council votes on the moratorium, and that the ordinance would be acted upon earlier than the four months of the moratorium.

Planning Board member and mayoral candidate Frank Lawlor said the moratorium is needed because the town's zoning code is silent on the issue of cell phone towers.

Some Catching-Up To Do

"Many communities are way ahead of us on this issue and we have to do some catch-up to protect the town," Lawlor said.

Lawlor said surrounding communities, including Springfield, West Springfield, and Holyoke, have already placed a moratorium on the towers while their zoning laws are under review.

Town Council candidate Karl Stieg charged the Planning Department and the town administration with being asleep at the switch in not taking steps sooner to deal with cell phone towers.

Stieg said concerns over locating cell phone towers have been well publicized in news accounts of the steps being taken in other towns to deal with the telecommunications industry.

Asked to respond to Stieg's remarks, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the charge was politically motivated and of no value.

"It was the administration that put this moratorium together," Johnson said. "If Mr. Stieg wants to talk about somebody being asleep at the switch, he should look to the Town Council president and the chairman of the Council's Zoning Review Committee. They are the legislative body responsible for zoning ordinances."

Johnson said the communities that have called a moratorium on cell phone towers did so only

after requests for site plan approval had been submitted.

Site plans for two cell phone towers have already been approved by the Planning Board; one is still under study and several more site plans are expected soon.

Last month, the Planning Board approved a site plan submitted by Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile to construct a 130-foot lattice tower on Meadow Street near the South End Bridge. Earlier this month, the Planning Board approved Omnipoint's site plan for a 180-foot monopole to be located on Provin Mountain, but sent a second site plan back to the telecommunications company with a request for more information.

Johnson said the moratorium would apply to all requests pending in the permitting process, even those with site plan approval (because none of the proposals has received a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)).

Under state law, Johnson said a proposed amendment to the zoning code would affect applicants who have not received a ZBA special permit at the time the amendment is first advertised by the Town Council.

At the Planning Board's public hearing, Ms. Dachos read a letter in support of the moratorium from the Beautification Committee. The committee expressed concern that Agawam could become a dumping ground for cell towers, thereby negating the beautification efforts of the past and the gateway projects for the future.

Richard Bellico, a member of both the Beautification Committee and the Historical Commission, said the telecommunications companies should be required to dismantle the towers if they become obsolete.

Scarring Provin Mountain

"I'm concerned that Provin Mountain already has four towers," Bellico said. "I look on the mountain as an asset to the community and we're scarring it with towers."

Town Council candidate Louis Russo recommended regulations so tough that the telecommunications companies will not want to come to Agawam.

Under current federal law, communities and states cannot enact regulations that may prohibit the ability of telecommunications to provide interstate or intrastate service.

However, a recent court case involving the Massachusetts town of Sterling supported communities' efforts to reasonably regulate telecommunications facilities, according to a letter sent to Town Council by Planning Board Chairman Charles Calabrese.

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Tips To Make Microwave Oven Cooking "Fire-Safe"

Over 120,000 scald burns are treated in emergency rooms each year. The Agawam Fire Department warns that a new source of scald burns to infants is serving them both liquids and solid foods that have been prepared in a microwave oven.

Hot liquids poured into disposable bottles may cause these bottles to burst, thereby soaking the infant.

Disposable bottles are not made to withstand intense microwave oven heat.

Food microwaved may feel cool to the touch on the surface, only to be scalding hot in the middle. Many infants receive severe burns to the mouth and throat because of this.

Parents should test the temperature of the baby's food before feeding the child.

Additionally, parents should follow the directions provided by the bottle's manufacturer for heating instructions.

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Agawam Obituaries

Paul C. Kennedy

Paul C. ("P.K.") Kennedy, 57, of Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 35-year steamfitter, and belonged to Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 104.

Born in Holyoke, he spent most of his life in that city and Chicopee before moving to Feeding Hills 11 years ago.

He was a 1957 graduate of Holyoke High School.

He was a catcher for a semi-professional baseball team, the Holyoke Allies.

He leaves his wife, the former Elaine Leduc; two sons, Michael F. of Holland, and Brian J. of Westfield; a daughter, Traci-Ann Kennedy of Windsor, CT; three stepdaughters, Michelle Winter of Warren, Jeannine O'Brien of South Hadley, and Monique Gallagher of Fayetteville, NC; a brother, Peter J. of South Hadley; 12 grandchildren; and his former wife, Theresa (Flynn) Kennedy of Chicopee.

The funeral was held at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and the burial was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Phillip J. Morin

Phillip J. Morin, 71, of 389 Cold Spring Avenue, West Springfield, died at an Agawam nursing home.

He was a mechanic for International Harvester Corp., and retired in 1962.

Born in Schenectady, NY, he was a World War II Navy veteran, and a longtime West Springfield resident.

He leaves his wife, the former Carolina M. Griffiths; a son, Arthur P. of Agawam; a daughter, Patricia A. Osowski of Westfield; a brother, Bunny; a sister, Rita Fazzone of Schenectady; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1210.

Terry M. Friedland

Terry M. Friedland, 47, of 85 Mechanic Street, Westfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

She was born in Atley Pond, NY.

She leaves two brothers, Douglas and Mark of California.

The funeral was held at Czalusniak Funeral Home, and the burial was held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Ruth E. Birchall

Ruth E. (Parady) Birchall, 71, of Main Street, Agawam, died at home.

She worked 33 years as a treasurer for Hometowne Thermographers, retiring in 1978.

Born in Springfield, she graduated from Commerce High School in Springfield and was a longtime Agawam resident.

She was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and Agawam Golden Agers Group 2.

She leaves her husband of 51 years, James W. Birchall; a son, Russell L. of Enfield, CT; a daughter, Cheryl A. Stiefel of Bristol, CT; her parents, Willis and Ruth Parady of Agawam; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Franz Reimann

Franz Reimann, 77, of 2 Beveridge Blvd., Westfield, died at an Agawam nursing home.

He was a longtime crane operator for the former H.B. Smith Co., and retired in 1968.

Born in Schury, Germany, he worshipped at St. John's Lutheran Church, and served on its cemetery committee.

He moved to Westfield in 1952.

He was a former member of the Ward 3 Republican Committee.

He leaves his wife, Magdalene (Suss) Reimann; a son, Gunther J. of Westfield; and a step-grandson, William Houghton, Jr.

The funeral was held in the church, with the burial in the parish cemetery. Firtion-Adams Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 60 Broad Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

Donald M. Drummond

Donald M. Drummond, 80, of 67 Raymond Circle, Agawam, a 23-year employee of Fountain Plating in West Springfield, died at home.

He retired in 1983.

Born and educated in Springfield, he lived in Agawam since 1966.

He was a World War II Air Force veteran and was stationed in England.

He leaves his wife, the former Marguerite Denette; two sons, Thomas of Ware and John of Agawam; a daughter, Frances Daly of Southampton; a sister, Margaret McCobb of Agawam; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 28th, at Agawam Congregational Church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102, or to Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Gloria J. Lucia

Gloria J. Lucia, 63, of Casselberry, Florida, and formerly of Feeding Hills, died at home.

Born in Springfield, MA, she attended the former Trade High School, and was a nurse at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She moved to Florida in 1978.

As a licensed practical nurse, she worked at Orlando Regional Medical Center, and retired in 1995.

She worshipped at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs.

She leaves four brothers, Frank of Wilmington, Delaware, Anthony of South Hadley, Fred of Longmeadow, and Lawrence of Stafford Springs, CT; a sister, Frances L. Pijar of Orlando; eight nephews; a niece; two great-nephews; four great-nieces; and cousins.

There will be a memorial Mass on the morning of November 10th at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, and the burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity or the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Alfred J. Marchetti

Alfred J. Marchetti, 90, of Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Retiring in 1982, he was the owner of Lincoln Fruit Co. in Springfield, which he also operated, and Marchetti Brothers Fruit Stand in East Springfield. He also worked at the AA Scibelli Fruit and Produce Co.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident and a graduate of Classical High School.

His wife, Maybelle R. (LaCross) Marchetti, died in 1995.

He leaves two daughter, Patricia A. Harvey of Agawam and Judith M. Wallace of Pittsfield; two brothers, Victor of Southampton and Robert of Hampden; a sister, Florence North of Monson; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in St. Mary's Church in East Springfield. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Mont Marie, Holyoke, MA 01040, or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 3704, Memphis, Tennessee, 38178.

Lena DiMello

Lena (DiDonato) Placido DiMello, 97, formerly of 21 Wilkes Street, Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Italy, she attended local schools, and was a longtime resident of Springfield.

She worshipped at the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and was a founder of the Rosary Altar Society.

She was a 25-year Red Cross volunteer.

Her first husband, Paul Placido, died in 1950, and her second husband, Rosario DiMello, in 1988.

She leaves four daughters, Dorothy Cartello of Agawam, Isabelle Fisher of Windsor Locks, CT, Rita Sipitkowski of Agawam, and Pauline Mercadante of Southampton; a brother, Ralph of Clarksville, Tennessee; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross, in care of Rick Lee, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Alice L. Claflin

Alice L. (Chesbro) Claflin, 81, of 60 East Silver Street, Westfield, died in a local care center.

She worked for JC Penney Corp. and the Eastern Farmers Exchange.

Born and schooled in Springfield, she was a longtime resident of Agawam before moving to Westfield a few years ago.

She attended the First Park Memorial Baptist Church in Springfield, and the Valley Opportunity Center in Chicopee.

Her husband, Robert Claflin, died in 1960.

She leaves four sons, Robert of Springfield, Roger of Holyoke, Steven E. of Hampton, Virginia, and Alan of East Springfield; a daughter, Carolyn R. Ainsworth of Russell; a brother, Kenneth Chesbro of Springfield; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

A private graveside service was held at Oak Grove Cemetery in Springfield. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mary V. Ruszala

Mary V. Ruszala, 89, of 22 Canal Street, Chicopee, a 43-year clerk at A.G. Spalding Co. (now Spalding Sports Worldwide), died in an Agawam nursing home.

She retired in 1970. She worked previously at the former New England Telephone Co.

A lifelong resident of Chicopee, she was a 1926 graduate of the High School.

She was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, and a member of its Holy Rosary Society.

She also belonged to the Spalding 25-Year Club.

She leaves several cousins.

The funeral was held at at Kozikowski Funeral Home and the basilica, with the burial in the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Stanislaus's School endowment fund at 534 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Stephen D. Beyette

Stephen D. Beyette, 38, of Orange Street, Springfield, an employee of School Specialties in Agawam, died in Agawam.

He was a lifelong resident of Springfield and attended Roger L. Putnam Vocational High School.

He leaves two daughters, Jessica J. Beyette and Melissa M. Beyette, both of Chicopee; three brothers, William of Hampden, Roger of Indian Orchard, and Frank Horrocks of Springfield; four sisters, Cynthia Fischer of West Springfield, Margaret Haskill of Springfield, Judy Beyette of Florida, and Joanne Doersam of East Longmeadow.

The funeral service was private, and Sampson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to his daughters, in care of Jessica Beyette, 54 Kurtz Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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Police Association's Donation Enhances Elderly's Safety

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The third piece in the Police Department's effort to take a pro-active stance on home safety and emergency medical issues for Agawam senior citizens fell into place earlier this week. Identification cards recording medical history and emergency medical information will soon be available to Agawam's elderly at no cost. Police Chief Robert D. Campbell said funding to purchase the wallet-sized medical emergency I.D. cards as part of the File of Life Program was in his hands within days of a news article describing the emergency medical information program. The article, appearing in last Thursday's *AAW*, indicated the need for an additional \$150 to purchase the ID cards. By Monday morning, a \$200 check from the Agawam Police Association was in his hands, Campbell said.

"The Police Association wanted to make sure that the I.D. cards would be available to the seniors," Campbell said. "This completes the program we began with the Are You OK? Program and the refrigerator magnet File of Life Emergency Medical Files."

A smaller version of the File of Life, the I.D. card contains the same medical emergency information enclosed in a similar red plastic case to alert emergency medical personnel in case of accident or illness.

Offered Through Meals On Wheels Program
Sponsored by the Seniors And Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Council, the File of Life is being offered to Agawam seniors through the Meals on Wheels Program and will be featured at the Senior Center Health Expo to be held on October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senior Center Deputy Director Gail Freeman said, "We understand that in areas where the File of Life is being used, the EMT's will take the file off the refrigerator and take it with them when transporting someone to the hospital so they can get a head start on initial patient care."

Campbell said the I.D. cards, the File of Life magnets, and the Are You OK? computer-



RONALD BROWN (left), representing the Agawam Police Association, presents a check to Police Chief Robert Campbell to assist with the "File of Life" Program that will benefit senior citizens in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

generated welfare checking phone program were all made possible by the generosity of local civic organizations.

In last week's edition, Thursday, September 18th, the date for the Senior Center Health Expo was reported incorrectly.

The date for the Health Expo is **October 28th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter For Sept. 7th — Sept. 20th

On September 7, 1997, **Dolores Bartula** of 162 Amherst Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

On September 8, 1997, **Wayne D. Fuller, Jr.**, of 1152 Elm Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

On September 10, 1997, **Alan R. Lannon** of 71 High Street, No. 11, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 10, 1997, **Joseph J. Fiorentino** of 878 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 10, 1997, **Orlamont O'Quinn** of 36 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 10, 1997, **John M. Bonfiglio** of 989 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 13, 1997, **Harvey J. Lemieux** of 71 Fairview Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving unregistered, uninsured, possession of an altered inspection sticker, and defective taillights.

On September 14, 1997, **Mark M. Kobi** of 10 Daniels Street, Salem, was arrested and charged with open and gross lewdness.

On September 15, 1997, **Robert C. Bolling** of 69 River Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On September 17, 1997, **Maureen Giffin** of R1 Beldon Court, Agawam, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and four outstanding warrants.

On September 19, 1997, **Christine G. Moore** of 418 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

On September 20, 1997, **Gary S. Sliech** of 1076 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 15, 1997 SORI NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.6, s.178K (2)(c) the Agawam Police Department is disseminating the following information for your safety and the safety of all children and/or other individuals that you may have charge over.

Please be reminded that information contained in the Sex Offender Registry shall not be used to commit any crime against any Sex Offender or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender. Any person who uses information disclosed pursuant to this act to commit a crime shall be punished by not more than two and one half years in a House of Correction or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, any person who uses information disclosed pursuant to this act to threaten to commit a crime may be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.275 s.4.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: John M. Stacy III.
SEX OFFENDER I.D. NUMBER: 10624.
LEVEL: 3.
HOME ADDRESS: 83 Valley Brook Road, Feeding Hills, MA.
WORK ADDRESS: Unemployed.
AGE: 39.
SEX: Male.
RACE: Caucasian.
ETHNICITY: Unknown.
HEIGHT: 6'2".
WEIGHT: 220.
EYES: Brown.
HAIR: Brown.
OFFENSE(S) AND DATE(S): Rape, September 6, 1988.

Veterans' Corner...

Increase In Real Estate Tax Exemption & The "Jubile de la Liberte"

by Ruth Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

Approved just recently by both the Senate and the House of Representatives was that portion of the governor's supplemental budget that contains the amount set aside to fund an increase of \$75 cap on the several local property tax abatements granted to veterans and others under Clause 22-22E of Section 5 of Chapter 569 of the General Laws.

There are an estimated 45,000 taxpayers receiving clause 22 abatements. This bill authorized Cherry Sheet reimbursements for the increased abatements. Effective July 1, 1997, all service-connected disabled veterans will receive an across-the-board increase of \$75 in their abatement figure.

I have spoken with Mr. Jim Crowley of the State Department of Revenue. He explained that if you are currently receiving an abatement under this clause, you will automatically receive the additional \$75 deduction.

Eligible to receive an abatement under this clause are veterans in receipt of a service-connected disability with a rating of 10 percent or higher and are homeowners. If you feel you may be eligible, forms are available in the Town Assessor's office at Agawam Town Hall.

Veterans who served in the Battle of Normandy

during World War II and had military service between June 6, 1944 and August 194 may be eligible for a medal from France. To date, we have assisted three Agawam veterans with the application needed in applying for the "Jubile de la Liberte." However, I am certain that there are other veterans from Agawam and other Western Massachusetts communities who served in this battle.

If you have a family member or know of anyone having served at Normandy Beach, please help us get the word out. I have seen a picture of the medal and the letter received by a veteran in receipt of the medal which in part reads:

"Who in the Anglo-Saxon and French-speaking world have not heard about D-Day? Indeed, Normands haven't forgotten the terrible days of June of '44 which opened the way leading to freedom. Today when we see these thousands of white crosses, I can ensure you that emotion remains intact and gratitude eternal ... Therefore it is personal tribute that we want to give the name of each veteran has to be proclaimed loudly on the Normand ground. It was the least we could do for the men who risked their lives to save us."

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call Veterans' Services at Agawam Town Hall, (413) 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

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Melconian Supports Legislation To Reform HMO's In State

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced her strong support for legislation to reform HMO's, making them more responsive to patient needs and more accountable for the quality of care provided.

"This bill will protect consumers who are looking for quality health care that allows for choice and the best medical care available," Melconian said. "For too long, HMO's have been unresponsive to patient needs, and have been interested in making the largest profit possible."

The legislation would allow the patient's doctor to have the final say over the length of hospital stays, allow HMO members access to doctors and hospitals outside the plan for an added charge, and give patients with an average understanding of health and medicine the option of whether emergency care is necessary.

An increasing number of Massachusetts residents are entering HMO's. Currently, more than 43 percent of insured Commonwealth residents are enrolled in HMO's and the numbers are getting larger. Melconian believes the sheer number of HMO customers is a reason to improve the industry and provide choice for consumers.

"If a particular specialist can provide the best care for a patient, the specialist should be consulted," Melconian said. "This state has some of the best health care in the country, but individuals need to have access to all of it, not just the care that is available within a particular HMO."

Currently the legislation is in the House Ways & Means Committee. Melconian expects quick action on this issue when it reaches the Senate. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Senator Melconian's District Office at (413) 786-6033.

If you wish to be a new subscriber, call us at 786-7747 or at 786-8137. Thanks.

Push On For County Land Control

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When Hampden County ceases to exist on July 1, 1998, its assets, including 250 acres of land in Agawam, will become assets of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

But not if local officials and the local state legislative delegation can help it.

Most of the land in question is located primarily on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills adjacent to the Criminal Justice Training Center with smaller parcels, including the former prison farm, on School Street and Main Street.

In June, Town Council unanimously approved a resolution sponsored by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Council President Kent Servis, and Councilor George Bitzas requesting that the local legislative delegation file legislation to turn county-owned land in Agawam over to the town (if county government is abolished).

Since then, State Senator Linda Melconian and State Representative Daniel Keenan have been working with the mayors and selectmen from the 23 cities and towns of Hampden County, as well as with the Hampden County Commission, to devise an equitable plan to retain local control of county-held land.

"I have been working on legislation with Mayor (Christopher C.) Johnson to come up with a plan that could be supported by all of the Hampden County legislative delegation," Keenan said. "We all agree on one thing — let's keep local control of the land. The question is how are we going to accomplish that."

Johnson said he believed the only way the state would give up control of the county land would be if returning the land to local control would produce some kind of regional benefit to all of the cities and town of Hampden County.

Keenan agreed. "There has to be a regional appeal or regional benefit in order for all the cities and towns to buy into this, but it may not be a direct dollar transfer."

Because the process of drafting legislation dealing with the county land issue is still in the preliminary stages, both Johnson and Keenan declined to speculate on the details under consideration.

With the realization that abolishing county government in Hampden and Worcester counties will be a major undertaking, the State Legislature

has appointed a six-member joint legislative committee to study the impacts of the current legislation that calls for an end to county government, Keenan said.

Committee Is Taking Advantage...

Keenan said the committee is taking advantage of the year between the passage of the legislation and the actual end of county government to study all the issues, including the land issue, and to determine if any modifications to the law are necessary.

Currently, Keenan said the committee is trying to put together an accurate description of all the land parcels owned by Hampden County before deciding what interest the local communities have in the property.

But, Hampden County Commissioner Abe Kasparian said he has a plan that would provide fair compensation to the other 22 cities and towns of the county; preserve the historic farmhouse and barn on School Street; and preserve the 45 acres on School Street as open space for recreation and for an alternate route for the planned bike path along River Road and School Street.

Under Kasparian's plan, 190 acres of South Westfield Street would be developed as an industrial park and the proceeds of the sale of the lots would be turned over to the other 22 cities and towns of the county. Rather than receive a share of the proceeds of the sale of the industrial lots, Agawam would receive title to the School Street acreage.

Kasparian said about 80 acres of the Feeding Hills site are buildable and the remainder of the land would be turned over to Agawam for preservation of the wetlands. Also, Kasparian said a 20-acre residential subdivision might be developed on the Feeding Hills site.

Bitzas wants to preserve the land as open space or recreational areas for the time being, with future generations deciding what, if any, development should occur on the site.

Bitzas said he wants the land to be returned to Agawam without any strings attached.

"If we lose the land to industrial development, we'll never get it back," Bitzas said. "Japan has a 100-year plan, but in this country, we have a 10-year plan."

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Don't Let Boston Massacre Hampden County



Hampden County Review...

by Commissioner Abraham Kasparian

Letter To Gov. Cellucci

The goal of abolishing county government has been to eliminate a layer of government that had been reported to be costly to the taxpayers in each of their respective counties.

House Bill No. 4588 abolishing Middlesex County last July and Hampden and Worcester Counties as of July 1, 1998, would actually increase costs and hurt local municipalities both financially and through the loss of local control of land and political involvement.

The reason that I am sending this letter to you is in the hope that you will support certain initiatives that I am proposing to eliminate or lessen the impact that the abolishment of county government will have on individual cities and towns.

The following are a list of changes that I am proposing to the current legislation:

The enactment of the General Court of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 1997 entitled "An Act Abolishing Certain Counties and for the Payment by the Commonwealth of Certain Debts and Obligations of Middlesex County."

Section 7 to be amended to include a Section 7A which should state that all unused county land within Hampden County as described in the Old County Road Layouts be deeded directly to the individual municipalities within whose borders that land is located.

Section 26 does not allow for any disposal or sale of any assets. Hampden County is unique in that it has invested in purchasing approximately 250 acres of land in Agawam; 45 acres at the corner of School St. and River Rd. in Agawam which was the old county prison farm which contains an historical barn and farmhouse and approximately 190 acres in Feeding Hills (which is a part of Agawam).

There has been an offer of roughly \$50,000.00-\$60,000.00 for about 1.3 acres of this land on School St. The County Commissioners, through my initiative, agreed to offer the property up for sale. This section of the current legislation would not allow local control and/or sale of this land. The proceeds from this sale would have gone back to the individual communities based upon their weighted vote.

The county continues to spend a considerable amount in attorney's fees dealing with the disposition of this land. I would offer the following amendment by way of special act to read: *That the county of Hampden is allowed to sell or dispose of land on School St. and River Rd. in Agawam (further description in county office), of approximately 45 acres and 190 acres on South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills/Agawam. Provided that there be fair compensation paid for said land to all of the 23 cities and towns of the county that are the true rightful owners of the aforementioned property. The disposal of the property to be ratified by 2/3 majority of the cities and towns that comprise the county.*

I have proposed a plan to have the 45 acres on School St. (with the exception of the 1.3 acres to be sold for commercial use) deeded to Agawam for use as bike paths, recreational athletic fields, location of a senior center, with the farm house and barn going to the Agawam Historical Society

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to Article I of the Zoning Code of Agawam, Sections 180-2, Definitions and Word Usage, and 180-B, Supplementary Regulations, regarding membrane structures. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office of the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

Ursula Retzler

Clerk of the Council

Published: September 25, 1997

for preservation and the possible use as a Hampden County farm museum as both buildings are on the national register of historical buildings.

I have further proposed that there be a zone change for the 190 acres in Feeding Hills to create an industrial park with the proceeds from the sale of each parcel going to the 23 cities and towns that make up the county according to their weighted vote in exchange for the 45 acres on School St. being deeded directly to Agawam. There is approximately 70 acres in the Feeding Hills parcel that would be suitable for commercial development with the remaining acres to be preserved as conservation/open space.

However, there might be other plans and ideas on how and what is the proper disposal of this asset that is clearly owned by the municipalities that make up Hampden County. I am hoping that you would agree that this should be a local decision rather than a decision of the Commonwealth and that you would support this act to correct and amend Section 26 of Chapter 48.

Sections 19 & 20 have been a major problem specifically for Hampden County. I saved it for last because it is the most putative in the abolishment of county government in its financial effect on the individual retirement units within the Hampden County Retirement System. As Hampden County Treasurer Rose Marie Coughlin wrote, "Shortly after Chapter 48 was enacted, the Hampden County Retirement Board retained its actuary, Coopers and Lybrand to analyze the cost of this legislation to the member units of the Hampden County retirement system. A copy of that report is enclosed.

If the abolition of county government is to be non-putative on the individual municipalities and the retirement systems within those municipalities, then we must revise this section because its effect is clearly putative.

Therefore, I propose an act which would eliminate sections 19 and 20 for Hampden County and any other county with a similar negative financial impact on their retirement systems and replacing it with:

Sections 19 & 20 - Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 32 of the General Laws or the provisions of any other general or special laws to the contrary, an abolished county's retirement system shall continue pursuant to this action and shall be managed by the retirement board as provided in section beginning with the transfer date.

The retirement board shall remain in its present state without change and all county employees that are transferred to the state to become state employees. The state will become a member unit of the abolished county's County Retirement System and a review period of that status to take place 30 years from the transfer date and will not be interrupted by any other act or legislation after the transfer date.

Based upon this formula of the state becoming a member unit of the county retirement system, the retirement system will be fully funded because of its nature as a pay-as-you-go system. If county employees leave the retirement system and transfer to the state retirement system, the remaining member units within the County Retirement System would suffer and pay a severe financial penalty.

Governor Weld had suggested that the Commonwealth pay the penalty rather than the retirement units. I proposed the plan of having the state be a member unit of the local retirement system which would pose no additional cost to the retirement units left within the county retirement system and also not cost the Commonwealth in their budget. This proposal seems to be "the cleanest, simplest, easiest way to handle this complicated issue of the unfunded pension liability," according to the Hampden County Retirement Board Executive Director William Southerland. Based upon this act, to amend Agawam would save at least \$576,016 per year.

Although I do not support efforts to abolish local government, I do support the elimination of waste and abuse in government and the elimination of putative assessments that could be avoided. I think that there is a lot more work that must be done when we talk about the abolition of regional county government to truly insure cost savings to taxpayers of this county and to improve quality of services and benefits to the region of Hampden County.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of the MR. & MRS. COLCORD, who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraphs A and B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition with less than the required setback at the premises identified as: 585 SOUTH WEST STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

Published: September 25, 1997

Senator Melconian To Represent MA At National Conference

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian has announced that Senate President Thomas Birmingham has asked her to represent the Massachusetts State Senate at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Leadership Institute later this month.

The NCSL Leadership Institute will host this year's seminar in Aspen, Colorado, at the Aspen Meadows, September 27-30, 1997. The goals of this seminar are to help develop the participants' skills — practical and inspirational — that are necessary when leading others.

The NCSL views the primary challenges facing State lawmakers today and through the 1990's as making representative government work and renewing public trust.

This three-day seminar will bring together some of the nation's foremost experts on leadership. Professor James Clawson of the Darden Business School at the University of Virginia will conduct a day-long session on leadership.

Professor Gerry Leader of Boston University will teach participants the art of successful negotiating. David Demerest, senior vice president and director of corporate communication for BankAmerica and former communications director for President George Bush, will share his knowledge and expertise about effective communications and dealing with the media.

"I am honored that President Birmingham has chosen me to represent Massachusetts at this very prestigious conference for state legislators. The NCSL seminar will enable me to harness and further develop my leadership skills to better represent and lead not only the communities of Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, and West Springfield, but also the Massachusetts State Senate," Melconian said.

This will be the first leadership conference that Senator Melconian has attended since being named the Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts State Senate.

President Birmingham selected Senator Melconian to represent the Senate Leadership and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts because "she has demonstrated outstanding leadership promise and the ability to impact positively the development of critical legislation," Birmingham said.

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Planning Board Turns Thumbs Down On Ordinance Regulating Temporary Signs

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its September 18th meeting, the Planning Board turned thumbs down on a proposed ordinance regulating temporary signs in business districts. But, it was thumbs up on a proposal to build a new office for a Feeding Hills orthodontic practice.

Board members were unanimous in reversing their original vote to act as the petitioner bringing the temporary sign ordinance proposed by Town Councilor Jill Simpson to the council for consideration.

Planning Director Deborah Dachos explained that the ordinance had been sent back to the board because the deadline for council action had expired in July, 90 days after the board held its public hearing on the measure.

Sponsored by Mrs. Simpson, the measure was first proposed in March as an outgrowth of the work done by the council's Zoning Review Committee in 1996. The ordinance has received the support of the council's Ordinance Committee, the building inspector, and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Unjust Prohibition

Board member Edward Shibley, who had been absent when the first vote was taken to support the sign ordinance, said it was an unjust prohibition on the business community to ban a tool used

to advertise services and products.

"As a community, we seem to take every opportunity we get to create more ordinances to create less opportunity for small businesses to be successful," Shibley said.

Ms. Dachos said the ordinance would have replaced the current regulations requiring an application for a permit from the building inspector and a \$25 bond for each sign. The bond is returned when the sign is removed within a specified time period.

But, the enforcement of the current ordinance is not cost effective because it costs too much to take violators into court, and it is not practical because the Building Department went from three to two inspectors, Ms. Dachos said.

And there are plenty of violators.

With no applications on file for temporary signs, all the signs presently in use, are illegal, according to Ms. Dachos.

Board member and mayoral candidate Frank Lawlor said the laws are on the books, but the building inspector chooses not to enforce them.

In other business, the board gave its approval to a site plan submitted by Feeding Hills orthodontist Stephen McKenna for a 4,500 square foot building to be constructed at 1289 Springfield Street, just east of the Junior High School

driveway.

McKenna said he intended the one-story building to look more like a large home than an office building. The front and side facades facing Springfield Street will have a fieldstone veneer with cedar shingles covering the rest of the building.

"My practice will occupy the front portion of the building and there will be 1,300 to 1,400 square feet of leasable space in the rear of the building," McKenna said. "This will be professional rental space. It definitely won't be a store."

Engineer David Bean of DLB, Inc., said the project will require an easement from Town Council for utilities and the drainage system.

No Additional Curb Cuts Required

Located on less than an acre, the site will not require additional curb cuts into Springfield Street. The site plan shows 26 parking spaces, two designated for handicapped parking, and a ramp into the building for handicap accessibility, Bean said.

McKenna said he plans to clear out the scrub undergrowth, but will maintain any existing trees tagged by the Planning Board.

McKenna and his father, Dr. Paul McKenna, have been tenants in the Community Shops for the last seven years.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed ordinance to amend the Agawam Zoning Ordinance to provide for a

moratorium on wireless communication facilities and to amend Chapter 180, Article I, General Provisions, Section 180-2, Definitions and Word Usage and Section 180-8, Supplementary Regulations. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office of the Agawam Town Clerk's Office.

Ursula Retzler

Clerk of the Council

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Servis Believes Quality Education Is Vital To Agawam

Kent Servis, candidate for Mayor of Agawam, is a firm believer in quality education. Servis has outlined his program for bringing academic standards and standardized test scores to a higher level.

"The performance on standardized tests has been consistently low and the educators must be empowered to make the changes necessary to bring Agawam back from the brink as far as our school system is concerned.

"The many dedicated teachers and administrators must be furnished with the tools necessary to provide quality instruction. It is absolutely terrible that the teachers should have to beg, buy out of their own pockets, or solicit donations for supplies.

"The only meaningful way to increase the level of instruction is to reduce the class sizes. When the administration looks at specialty classes with relatively few students, and applies these smaller classes to the formula on class size, the results don't look too bad on paper.

"The reality of the situation is that there are many classes that are quite overcrowded. Recent newspaper articles have lamented about classes with as many as 36 or more students in some classes. This is unacceptable and a detriment to the educational process.

"We must fund the instructional accounts with adequate money to get the job done. The school budget is the largest budget item in the Town, and we have not been getting our full measure's worth in results. Once again, don't blame the teachers. They are doing the best that they can within the bounds of the resources available to them.

"The idea that computers will make education more relevant and more self-directed is not totally flawed. However, if a child can't comprehend the directions on a help screen, and the teacher is bogged down with too many students, all of the computers in the world are not going to facilitate the learning process."

Servis is a former secondary science teacher who taught in the Springfield Public Schools. Here is what Steven Ziemba, retired principal of Kennedy Junior High School, had to say about Kent as an educator:



MAYORAL CANDIDATE KENT SERVIS with his campaign committee at his September 8th fundraiser. From left - Michael E. Tuckey, Candi Justilian, Ann Marie Cadieux, Kent & Peg Servis, Joanne Tryba, Cindi Rackliffe, Eugene Tryba, and Joseph Mineo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Kent, the man — neat, well-groomed, and an excellent role model for both fellow teachers and students; always coming to work with a good attitude and ready for work.

"His classes were interesting and productive for the students, with high standards. Whatever was going on in his classroom was happening because Kent was in charge and it was for the benefit of the students.

"Above and beyond the classroom, Kent organized and worked with the members of the school's 'Sportsman's Club.' This involved time and energy on Kent's part, with no extra compensation. Productive meetings and fishing trips were a benefit to the students.

"I am not surprised that Kent has been a very suc-

cessful Council member, and I would only expect the same should he become mayor."

Servis reiterated, "As your mayor, I will not use my position to interfere with the budget process of the School Committee. As a former educator, I understand the problems that are unique to the schools, and will work to insure that we adequately fund the areas of the school budget that are so important to the learning process.

"We need to reduce class size, empower the teachers to do their job, and challenge both teachers and students to a high level of expectations," he concluded.

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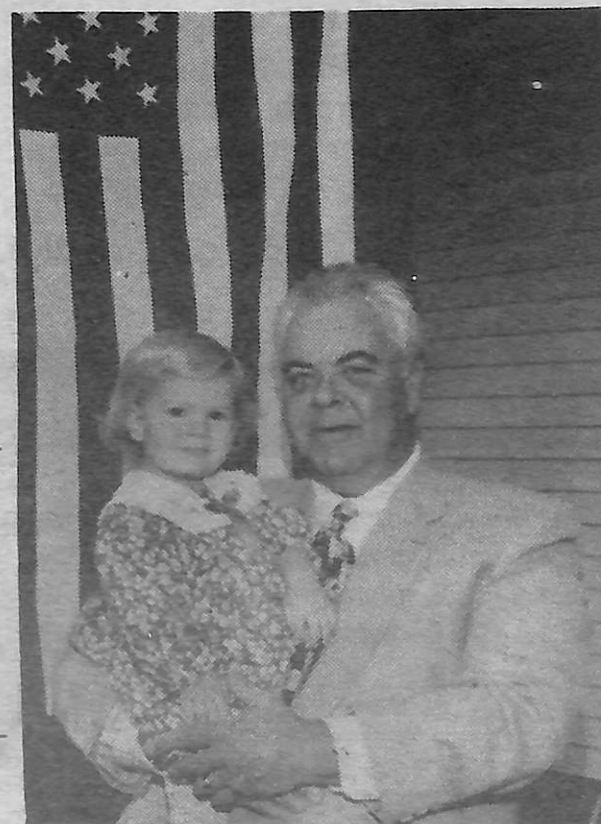
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MAYORAL CANDIDATE KENT SERVIS (left) is pictured with his campaign manager, Joseph Mineo, at a fundraiser on September 8th at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Bill And Granddaughter Emily

Campaign '97 - continued...

Chmielewski Declares Candidacy For Seat On Agawam Council

"I am, today, declaring my candidacy for Agawam Town Council," said Stanley J. Chmielewski in a recent press statement.

"As a lifelong resident of Agawam, I have witnessed Agawam's growth and coming of age. I have seen the town grow from a rural agriculture-based community to the diverse and complex community that it is today.

"As a former police officer, sergeant, and ultimately the Chief of Police, I have worked with the citizens, administration, and employees in all kinds of situations and circumstances. I will bring this experience, as well as a sincere desire to contribute to the future well-being of the town, to the office of Town Council," said Chmielewski.

"I am a graduate of Agawam High School and attended Wake Forest University. I also hold an associate's degree from Springfield Technical Community College.

"I am a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Germany as part of the post-World War II Occupation Forces.

"Upon my return from my military service, I became a member of the Agawam Police Department, rising through the ranks to Sergeant, Safety Officer, and finally Chief of Police.

"During my career," continued Chmielewski, "I have had the privilege of being part of a number of community programs and events. I have been honored by various groups and organizations for my part in these programs. I was selected for the Outstanding Public Servant Award by WWLP Channel 22, Outstanding Polish Citizen by the West Springfield/Agawam Lodge of Elks and the Polish American Club.

"I served as the president of the Police Chiefs of Western Mass. During my tenure in this office, I was instrumental in locating the Western Mass. Policy Academy in Agawam.

"I organized the first community response to the rising drug and alcohol problem among our students. This program became the forerunner of



STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI

the current DARE program we have today. I instituted the current DARE program and assigned the first full-time officer of it," he said.

"In an effort to reduce speculation on my position on issues, I am setting my positions out for all to see."

ISSUE STATEMENT

Berkshire Power Plant: *This issue appears to be overshadowing all others at the moment. I feel a genuine empathy for all the abutters and their concern over their property value and quality of life issues. I have always believed that this issue should have been put to the entire town by way of a ballot question. I therefore applaud the action of the current council by voting to do just that. My one comment is that it should have been done long ago. I have always believed that the entire town, the ultimate authority, should be able to*

voice their opinion on this project. The very size and scope of the project, as well as the impact now and in the future, is townwide. I do not profess to be "all knowing and seeing," and with this in mind, support the inclusion of this issue on the ballot.

Mayoral Issue: *I am running for the Town Council and not for Mayor. I have worked with all forms of government that the town has had. I have also worked with the incumbent Mayor. While not always agreeing with his decisions, I have always enjoyed the ability to discuss issues and offer my input in a professional and courteous manner. I do not see any reason this this forum should change in the future. I have also enjoyed working with many of the present council as well as incumbent department heads. We always had the ability to resolve issues before they became political footballs. I am not a member of either "side" of the council and believe that to choose sides in the new council dooms the effectiveness of the entire body from the onset.*

Open Space and Recreation: *I believe that there is a critical shortage of recreation areas in town. Specifically, playing fields for the many team sports that we have. Soccer fields are at a premium and with the ever-growing popularity of the sport, as well as the growing youth population, I believe the town should provide more fields for team play. As a police officer, I saw first-hand the positive effect that sports and other youth activities had on our children and endorse any plan that insures the viability of these programs.*

"I am asking the voters of Agawam to examine the actions of the present council and ask, 'Am I satisfied with the actions and momentum of the present council?' If the answer is yes, then return them to office. If the answer is no, or as I think, we can do better, then I ask for your support and vote on October 7th," concluded Chmielewski.

Langone Committee Receiving Calls For Lawn Signs

If you would like a "Re-Elect Langone For Council" sign for your lawn, please call Councilor Langone at 786-3419 or his mother, Ellis, at 786-9474.

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In the midst of the bickering and confusion on the Agawam Town Council, Chris Quatrone has been a voice of reason and responsibility for the people of Agawam.

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WHEN five councilors called a special meeting on a Friday night and voted YES to oust the Council President while the Mayor was out of town, **Chris spoke up and voted NO.**

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PETER LONGO

Peter Longo Seeks Seat On Ag. Council In Upcoming Election

Peter Longo, a former city councilor, has announced his candidacy for the Agawam City Council. A retired businessman, Longo wants to bring his many years of business experience to city government.

Longo stated, "I don't believe that very many of the present councilors have listened to the will of the people and are not representing their constituents." Longo wants to retain Agawam's small town character and is supportive of increasing the tax base through responsibly sound industrial growth.

He continues by saying that he will fight to uphold the zoning laws, the city charter, council rules, and state laws. Longo further states that he will vote yes or no on all issues as all councilors are elected to do.

"Any person who consistently votes 'present' should not be elected to the council," Longo continued, "I WILL NOT VOTE PRESENT because voting present means not voting and not declaring a position on an issue."

Peter Longo is a lifelong resident of Agawam and lives at 236 Adams Street with his wife, Theresa. They have three daughters who were all educated in Agawam schools. Longo is a World War II veteran who saw action in the Pacific while aboard the aircraft carrier Fanshaw Bay. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Mawaga Sporting Club, American Legion Post 185, and VFW Post 1632.

He is Past President of the Agawam Businessmen's Association, Agawam Athletic Association, Veteran's Memorial Committee, and the Citizens Committee for the Fourth of July Parade. Longo stated that he has shown his dedication to Agawam through his many community activities.

Longo said, "My final appeal is that everyone exercise their right to vote. I feel very confident that the people want change. I will work hard in the best interest of everyone at all times. I am asking for the opportunity to serve our community and make Agawam a better place to live."

Longo concluded by asking everyone to vote in the October 7th primary because the primary is just as important as the general election. He also asks that anyone who wishes to help support his campaign, call him at 786-9416.

Elect Euliano Signs Are Now Available

"Elect Bill Euliano" signs are now available. If you'd like to help with a lawn sign, please call Susan at 786-0441.

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TOWN PRIMARY**

Mayor Johnson Has Strong Record On Road Improvement In Agawam

In a campaign statement released this week, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "One of my top priorities is the improvement of the town's street and road system. Over the past five calendar years, the Town of Agawam has repaved over 31 miles of town streets. This represents nearly 25 percent of our total street mileage.

"In the current fiscal year alone, the town has funding to repave over 11 miles of roads, or nearly nine percent of the town's total street mileage. We have concentrated our efforts primarily on the main arteries where traffic is higher.

"The town has been fortunate to see an infusion of a tremendous amount of local, state, and federal money which has gone to construct new roads, add signalization to dangerous intersections, and reconstruct existing streets."

Johnson continued, "The following is just a short list of the major road improvement projects which the town has seen over the past few years:

- Phase I of the Route 57 relocation project (after over 30 years on the drawing board). It was one of the largest highway projects in the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- Reconstruction of Suffield, Silver, and South Westfield Streets with the addition of new signalization, beautiful stone retaining walls, and sidewalks;
- Installation of new signalization at Mill and Suffield Streets, Mill and Poplar Streets, Mill and Springfield Streets, and North and North Westfield Streets;
- Reconstruction of North West Street, School Street, Line Street, and Garden Street with new drainage;
- Paving of previously unpaved streets such as Grant Street, Taft Street, Bailey Street, McKinley

Street, Kirkland Street, Ridge Avenue, and Potomac Place; and...

- The resurfacing of many local streets such as Springfield Street, Southwick Street, Hendon Drive, Barry Street, South West Street, Mill Street, Meadow Street, Pine Street, North Street, Suffield Street, etc.

"Some of the projects which are planned for the immediate future include the following:

- Full signalization of the intersection of South Street, Suffield Street, and Shoemaker Lane by November of 1997;
- Construction of Bowles Road Extension to provide direct access to the Agawam Regional Industrial Park;
- Reconstruction of North Westfield Street from Feeding Hills Center to the Westfield city line;
- Construction of Phase II of the Route 57 expansion project from Route 187 to the Southwick town line;
- Design and construction of a new multi-community bike path on River Road; and...
- Continued resurfacing of many local streets such as South Street (est. 1998), Leonard Street (est. 1998), Cooper Street (est. 1998), and sidewalk repair and replacement. The town has set aside over \$150,000 for sidewalk repair which will begin during the 1998 construction season.

"Agawam has made great strides in improving its street and road system to provide safer and more convenient transportation for all the residents in Agawam. I am proud of my strong record of securing state and federal money to assist the taxpayers of Agawam in making our community a better place to live and work," concluded Johnson.

Bitzas Pledges To Continue Work With Beautification Committee

In a campaign statement released this week, Councilor George Bitzas said, "One of my goals when I was elected was to beautify Agawam and clean up many of its eyesores. I have worked and I continue to work very closely with the building inspector to clean up illegal dumping, keep our town clean, and protect the values of our homes.

"I am working very closely with our Beautification Committee, the DPW, and representatives of the business community to beautify areas in Feeding Hills and Agawam.

"If I am reelected, I will continue to work to improve our town's appearance. Next year, we plan to design and build the three major gateway pro-

jects. With the help of funding from the state, local corporate sponsorship, and private donations, we may be able to accomplish this goal."

Bitzas continued, "We have a very active Beautification Committee, and we are working towards making Agawam better every year. Agawam looks better now than ever before, and the cooperation of our committee, our people, and our business community made it possible.

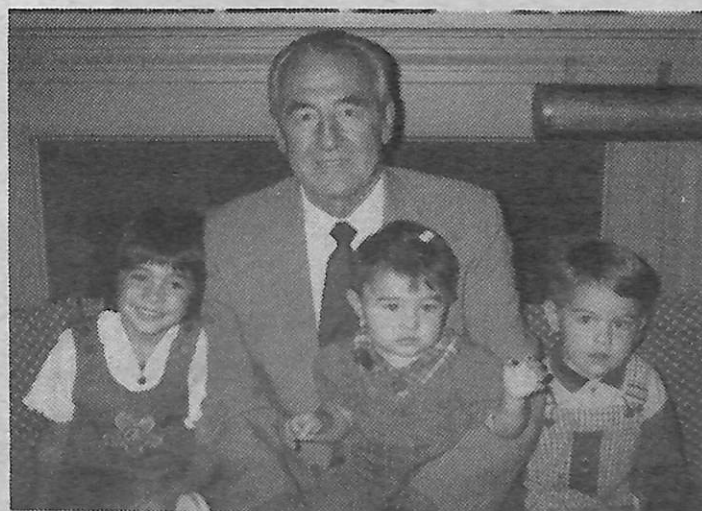
"As your city councilor, I will continue to be very active with the Beautification Committee to make Agawam a town that we all can be proud of," concluded Bitzas.

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Campaign '97 - continued...

Gina-Marie Letellier Announces Candidacy For Agawam Council

In a statement issued this week, Attorney Gina-Marie Letellier said, "I am please to announce my candidacy for City Council in the Town. I am proud to call my home, the City Known as the Town of Agawam. As a lifelong resident of Agawam, and a third-generation 'Agawam Brownie,' I humbly ask my fellow citizens for their support this election.

"As 'your' City Councilor, I will support an agenda that lives up to the name of our great municipality. Despite the fact that we are officially a city with a mayoral form of government, we citizens of Agawam desire to retain the title of 'Town' and all of its positive connotations: open space, a government responsible to its people, the proper balance between the rights of homeowners and business owners, responsible development and zoning that does not sacrifice residential or industrial property, a school system serving the needs of all of its children, and a council whose first priority is all of its citizens, present and future.

"As 'your' City Councilor, I will initiate and support measures designed to strike the right balance between what makes Agawam a beautiful Town to raise a family in and a great City to do business in.

"It is not enough for councilors and candidates to pledge to reduce the perception of bickering and infighting on the council. Rather, candidates must lead by example.

"As Chair of the Agawam Democratic Committee, I have learned to conduct meetings with decorum and respect for all individuals and their positions, while still allowing for debate and a healthy exchange of ideas. As 'your' City Councilor, I will bring this experience to the Council and my fellow councilors.

"As 'your' City Councilor, I will use my skills and experience as an attorney to investigate the positives and negatives of both sides before voting on an issue. As 'your' City Councilor, I will listen to the voices of all of Agawam, not only the voice of one individual or group.

"My promise to you is this, I will research and confer with all sides, and even outside experts, to educate myself, my fellow councilors, and my fellow citizens, before I vote on an issue. Agawam needs a City Councilor who is not afraid of the work necessary to do the job right. I will be that City Councilor."

Letellier continued, "As 'your' City councilor, my responsibility and my loyalties will be with my fellow citizens and to the future of the City Known as the Town of Agawam. That is why I do not have a campaign staff or advisors telling me what to do or say. My loyalty will always be with the citizens who contact me and tell me what is on their minds and in their hearts.

"As a lifelong resident of Agawam and a proud graduate of Agawam High School, I strive for excellence in anything that I do — whether in the classrooms at Agawam High, Trinity College, or Western New England College School of Law, in my profession as the youngest and first female Law partner at LaCroix & Fuller, in the ball field, or in the organizations to which I donate my time and myself. As 'your' City Councilor, I promise you no less.

"My family has proudly served Agawam for generations. My great-grandfather, Luigi Conte, built homes and businesses which are still in use in Agawam today. My uncle, Joseph J. Conte, Sr., served our town as Building Inspector. My cousins, Louis E. Conte and Bernadette Conte, serve our younger citizens as members of the Middle School and High School administration. My grandfather, Walter J. Letellier, was a volunteer firefighter and town meeting member.

"Last, but by no means least, my parents also instilled in me the desire to serve my community. My father, Walter T. Letellier, in addition to the civic and charitable organizations he has led, dedicated 33 years to our Town and its citizens as a member of the Agawam Police Department. My mother, Maryanne M. Letellier, was a Pioneer Valley Girl Scout leader, PTA member, and volunteer in the Agawam Public Schools.

"Please do me the honor of joining my family in service to the City Known as the Town of Agawam by voting for Gina-Marie Letellier for City Council, 'your' City Councilor. Thank you.

"If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Letellier campaign, or would like a sign for their law, please call Gina at 739-2112 during the day or 786-4723 after 7:00 p.m. Thank you," concluded Letellier.

Be sure to vote on
PRIMARY DAY - Tuesday,
October 7th...

Negrucci Cites Leadership Qualities As Important To Council Candidacy

In a press statement issued this week, John J. Negrucci, candidate for Agawam City Council, explained his views on leadership.

Negrucci stated, "I believe I have the leadership qualities necessary to be an effective city councilor.

"Leadership is not about ego or power. It is about being a stable, professional councilor representing our town to the best of my ability.

"Sometimes it is necessary to speak out on an issue, but one does not have to drown out the opposition or shout at others to be effective.

"My style is to be courteous and respectful, leading by example. I am an independent thinker who considers all viewpoints before making a decision."

Negrucci, who is a former Union Pension Fund

Administrator and former President of the Agawam Lions Club, wants to get rid of the "circus" atmosphere of the Town Council.

He stated, "I am not afraid to take a stand on issues. Flip-flopping and ignoring the wishes of the people should not be tolerated. The circus atmosphere must end, and only then can we change the image of the Town Council.

"Let's put the cards on the table. The present atmosphere of the Town Council is **negative**. We should strive for a positive change on the Town Council. **But only the voters can MAKE THE CHANGE by exercising their right to vote.**"

Negrucci concluded, "I have the leadership qualities as demonstrated in my professional and civic life to help **MAKE THE CHANGE**. I ask for your vote to help us reach that goal."

PRIMARY DAY - Tuesday, October 7th

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Campaign '97 - continued...

Mayoral Candidate Frank Lawlor Says Town Residents Should Move Forward Together

In a campaign statement issued this week, Frank Lawlor, candidate for Mayor of Agawam, remarked, "I sometimes find it difficult to discuss the Agawam schools because the mere mention of a difficulty with the schools, the mere hint that it could be better, seems to trigger an internal defense mechanism on the part of administrators, politicians, union officials, and even the student newspaper."

"Some of the members of our school community seem to want to whitewash any problems by criticizing the parent(s) who dares to raise the question. It is frustrating and troubling to try to discuss any issue with these groups, especially when their ultimate argument always seems to boil down to something like, 'After all, it was good enough for (fill in the blank).'"

"Unfortunately, the reality is that Agawam, like many other communities, does have serious problems in our schools. From the Early Childhood Center through the Senior High School, our children are sometimes receiving less than they deserve. Societal changes, demographic shifts, budgetary pressures, the Educational Reform Act, and an unforgivable failure of leadership have all combined to present increasingly difficult challenges to our students and teachers. Regrettably we can all site numerous examples:

"In a deposition earlier this year, former School Superintendent Bernard Ryder, a man with over 30 years of experience, was forced to admit that when he arrived in town, he found Agawam High School to be the worst run high school that he had ever seen.

"Not once during Chris Johnson's term as Mayor and chairman of the School Committee have the scores of Agawam High School students exceeded or even equaled national and state averages on the S.A.T.'s. Last year, a 'major' effort to improve students' scores was undertaken, but again this year we fell below state and national averages.

"Within the past three years, we have all been witness to emotional town council meetings. During these wild sessions, parents have angrily demanded that funds which Chris Johnson had cut from the school budget be restored. These funds were desperately needed because Johnson had failed to provide our children with the books and paper that they needed to learn."

Lawlor continued, "As a former PTO President, a member of the 'Space Needs Committee,' and as chair of the committee which initiated the renovations and addition plans to address the specific needs of our elementary schools, I am acutely aware that for the past 10 years, overcrowding has been a nagging problem within our system. I am troubled by the fact that only now, during the election cycle, has Chris Johnson begun to build the additions that have been so badly needed. Unfortunately, the additions which we are now building may be inadequate to address the needs of our schools in the not-too-distant future.

"These are only a few of the problems that our system has been faced with over the last few years. The new administration at the high school and our new curriculum coordinator seem to have made real progress during the past year on many of these fronts. I congratulate them and assure them that if elected Mayor, they will have my unwavering attention and support. I intend to codify a few precepts into our system.

"I propose that the School Committee and Town Council adopt the following goals for our schools:

1. **Education is the number one goal of this community!** There is simply nothing more important to the future of Agawam than to assure our children receive an excellent education. Good schools will increase our property values and attract new residents and businesses to Agawam.

2. **All students** in Agawam should be given the tools necessary for an **EXCELLENT** education. Not a good education. Not some of the students! In Agawam, every child should have the right to a superior education.

3. **Parents will always be treated as an integral part of our education process.** All matters of consequence to the children and families of Agawam will be decided **only after consultation with parents.** Member of our School Committee and administration will be expected to aggressively seek the input of parents and will be aware of the effect that educational decisions will have on these same parents. Parents are part of the team, not hindrances to the process.

4. Funding for advanced placement and honors courses should be a part of every school's budget.

5. The teachers' union should be an important and public part of the educational establishment. The concerns of all of our teachers should be understood and addressed by all. Ultimately the teachers hold the key to the success of our system, and the concerns and thoughts of all of these professionals should be sought and addressed.

6. The goal of the Agawam School System will be to assure that our students, on all levels, will consistently **exceed state and national averages** when measured by standardized testing.

7. **ACCOUNTABILITY** will become an integral part of our school system. The success of each initiative, each program, each school, each classroom, and each student will be the responsibility of one specific individual or group of individuals. That individual, or group of individuals, will be held **ACCOUNTABLE** for the success or failure of their charge(s). We should not focus on the 'blame game'; we must, however, reward the successes of the system and insist that someone or some group be held accountable for its failures.

"The two factors which I will insist become part of our educational program are **'excellence'** and **'accountability.'** Unfortunately, both concepts seem to have been lost under the current administration. It is tragic when we realize that Chris Johnson has devoted more of his attention to the Agawam Municipal Country Club than he has to our schools.

"He has worked harder on improving his handicap than he has on improving our children's test scores. Maybe someone should clue him in that being under par is not always a good thing!

"The time has come for new leadership in Agawam. The time has come for us all to move forward together," concluded Lawlor.



KENT & PEGGY SERVIS invite townspeople to attend a meet the candidate dinner at the Polish Club on Thursday, October 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Servis Announces 97-Cent Ziti & Meatball Supper

Mayoral candidate Kent Servis has announced his election '97' meet the candidate dinner at the Polish American Club on Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

The supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 2nd and will run through 8:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Bring the whole family and enjoy a really affordable meal!

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Council Candidate Stieg Promises To Work Hard For Senior Citizens

In a press release issued this week, Karl H. Stieg stated, "As a candidate for City Council, but more importantly the son of senior parents who, out of necessity, must use the services that are provided by both the State and City, I have acquired a first-hand appreciation for the health, economic, and social needs of our seniors as experienced by our family."

"I am happy to report that the basic services that are provided to our seniors generally meet or exceed expectations. As a councilor, I would look at all areas for improvement that affect the quality of life for our seniors, these being health, economic, and social needs."

"In the health area, I would take a close look at the existing State and City programs, with an eye on the overall performance and if any improvements could be achieved. Example: the Commonwealth's Senior Pharmacy Program, which provides up to \$500 annually for certain prescription drugs, perhaps could be expanded to cover a larger list of drugs with a much higher annual amount than the \$500 total coverage for those who qualify now."

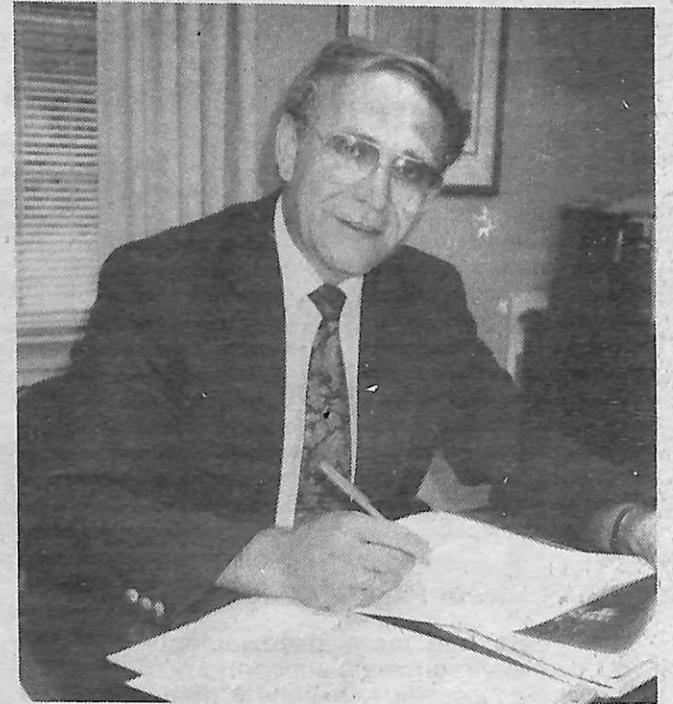
Stieg continued, "The economic needs of our seniors must be looked at constantly and, in particular, the area of City real estate taxes. Many of our seniors do own homes and live on fixed incomes such as Social Security and pensions. These, unfortunately, do not keep up with taxes and inflation."

"In Agawam over the last eight years, the real estate tax rate has increased approximately 30 percent. The Commonwealth and City do have problems to help offset taxes, but like the Senior Pharmacy Program, I believe more can be accomplished in the area of increased benefits. I will work closely with our State Representative, Dan Keenan, to help craft State legislation to provide more help for our seniors."

"Last but not least, our Senior Center. Over the last eight years and, in particular, election years, we read and hear about plans for the expansion of the Senior Center. Each election year, we read the same quote from our Mayor: 'I have also incorporated into the capital improvement program plans for expansion of the Senior Center.' The fact of the matter is this planned expansion will not take place until the year 2002."

"One of the questions that must be asked is why do we want to add onto a state-owned building? Mayoral candidate Frank Lawlor presented the ideal solution for the Senior Center — a NEW Senior Center owned by the City of Agawam in the senior-friendly environment of the proposed new Agawam Municipal Center complex. I support this idea 100 percent as the best answer to our seniors' needs now and for the future."

"I promise as your City Councilor, I will work hard for the seniors and their needs all year long and not just at election time," concluded Stieg.



COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS

Bitzas Discusses His Goal For The Future Of Agawam

In a press release issued this week, Councilor George Bitzas stated, "My goal for the future of Agawam is to continue the prosperity in our town without increases in our taxes or decreases in our services. I will also push and work hard to make sure that Phase II of the Route 57 expansion project stays on schedule and is constructed as soon as possible."

"We must alleviate the heavy traffic flow in front of the Granger School, Feeding Hills Center, and the surrounding neighborhoods. I will continue to push for more sidewalks and road improvements in our town."

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Johnson Opening Headquarters In Feeding Hills Center

The Committee to Re-Elect Christopher C. Johnson extends a cordial invitation to all the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills to attend the **GRAND OPENING** of the **JOHNSON FOR MAYOR** headquarters on **Saturday, September 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

The headquarters are located at 23 Southwick Street (next to SUNOCO station) in Feeding Hills. Please come and meet Chris and his campaign staff, and enjoy the light refreshments.

Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Pat at 786-1093 or Anna at 786-6297. Thank you.

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"Above and beyond the classroom, Kent organized and worked with the members of the school's 'Sportsman Club.' This involved time and energy on Kent's part, with no extra compensation. Productive meetings and fishing trips were a benefit to the students."

"I am not surprised that Kent has been a very successful Council member, and I would only expect the same should he become mayor."

Steve Ziemba
Retired principal
Kennedy Middle School, Springfield, MA

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Campaign '97 - continued...

Reception For Bitzas Is Scheduled For Sunday, Sept. 28th

The Committee to Reelect George Bitzas to the Agawam City Council cordially invites all the people of Agawam to attend a reception in his honor from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28th, at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

Refreshments will be served. The contribution is \$10, and tickets will be available at the door.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please send it to: Committee to Reelect George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

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"We have had many improvements over the past two years, but we must continue to do more. We need to continue to build athletic fields so more of our children will have the opportunity to participate in sports programs, thus keeping them off of the streets and away from gangs, drugs, and violence.

"I will continue to work hard with the Hampden County and state officials to secure the return of the 250 acres of county land in Agawam and Feeding Hills to our town free of cost.

"We have seen many improvements in our school system. My goal is to see that we continue to provide the best education for all of our children. As a schoolteacher myself and the father of three children, I know firsthand the importance of a good school system and a good education."

Bitzas continued, "Our elderly population is increasing and we must expand our senior services, our Senior Center, and its parking lot. I am a strong supporter of the elderly, and I will continue to do the same in the future. I am aware of the needs of the elderly, for my 97 year-old mother lives with us.

"Another issue that we must deal with in the next two years is the review of our zoning bylaws. I will continue to support some necessary changes in the future to protect our residential neighborhoods and our existing businesses. I will continue to oppose any so-called 'adult entertainment/nude dancing' bars from coming into our town.

"With your vote, I will continue my hard work to make Agawam a better place to live. Please remember to vote on Primary Day, Tuesday, October 7, 1997. I would greatly appreciate your vote," concluded Bitzas.

JACK DEVINE needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053. Thanks.

Lawlor Launches Attack On Court Case Involving Town's ZBA

"The question as to why Chris Johnson appeared in Northampton Superior Court to argue against the rights of the citizens has never been answered," according to mayoral candidate Frank Lawlor in a recent press statement.

"The fact that he claimed to be representing the Zoning Board of Appeals despite the fact that the Chair of the ZBA, at a meeting held subsequent to the Mayor's appearance, stated that the board had taken no position in regard to the legal questions involved and that the ZBA had not authorized or requested the Mayor, or the town attorney, to represent the board.

"While the fact that these troubling questions have lingered without answers for more than a year is inexcusable, new information has now come to light which raises even more serious questions about Chris Johnson's appearance before Judge Josephson. It's time for Chris Johnson to give the citizens of Agawam some honest answers," Lawlor said.

"As I have said previously, I do not believe continuing the debate about the pros and cons of the proposed power plant during this mayoral campaign would serve the best interests of the town. The matter is now in the hands of the courts and the DPU and the ultimate resolution of the matter should be left to them. I do believe, however, that the actions of Chris Johnson in regard to this matter are worthy topics of discussion.

"The question that literally cries out for an answer is simply this...Why, Chris? Why would any mayor appear in a court of law to argue against the right of the citizens of his community to be heard?! Why would any mayor presume to speak for a board or commission without first consulting with and receiving a request from that board to be represented?

"The new and more serious questions which have recently been brought to light involve Chris Johnson's status as an attorney. Agawam's

Charter prohibits the mayor from being involved in outside business activities. When he was elected, Chris Johnson, properly, registered with the Board of Bar Overseers as an 'inactive' attorney.

"As of July 31, 1997, he was still registered as 'inactive.' Rule 4:02 of the *Supreme Judicial Court Rules* states that... 'Upon filing of such notice (inactive status) the attorney shall no longer be eligible to practice law in this Commonwealth.' Mr. Johnson, or any inactive attorney, is free to seek reinstatement to the active rolls at any time," continued Lawlor.

"In filing for 'inactive' status with the BBO, Chris Johnson was obeying the town charter. However, it appears that when he filed a 'Notice of Appearance' on July 10, 1996 in Northampton Superior Court, he may have been improperly practicing law within this Commonwealth. While I am no attorney, and I would not presume to judge Chris Johnson's ethics, the matter does raise some serious questions. The people of this community are entitled to answers to those questions," said Lawlor.

"Was Mr. Johnson making an improper appearance in a court of law? If there was even a doubt about the propriety of his appearance, why did he go forward with it? Was it improper for him to claim to be representing the Zoning Board of Appeals without the advice and consent of its members? Why, Chris?

"I believe that it is incumbent on any administration not only to avoid actions that would be considered unethical, but if a community is to move forward together, the administration must also avoid actions that raise the appearance of impropriety. While there may be a simple explanation of these events, we'll only know that when Chris Johnson begins to answer some important questions. Let's all hope that it is not another example of the Johnson philosophy... 'the ends justify the means.'"

Cultural Council Has Grant Applications For Worthy Projects

The Agawam Cultural Council is beginning preparations for the coming grant application period for funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Applications for funds must be into the Agawam Cultural Council by October 15th. The Council will then choose what projects merit funding in time for the Massachusetts Cultural Council deadline of December 15th.

Applications may be obtained at the Agawam Public Library and the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall, 36 Main Street.

In addition to various programs at the library, pass grants for the schools, and other cultural projects, the grant monies fund the First Fridays at the library and partially fund the summer series of concerts.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of the SUNCOR DEVELOPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180, Paragraphs 11 and 441 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a drive-thru service window for a Walgreens' Pharmacy at the premises identified as: 288 WALNUT STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1947 gathered for a gala weekend reunion on August 8th-10th.

Agawam High School Class Of '47 Gathers For Great Reunion Weekend

The 50TH REUNION of the AHS CLASS OF '47 was a great weekend. To paraphrase the Beatles, it was a wonderful time to "Come back to where you once belonged."

Our reunion weekend, August 8th-10th, had been carefully planned by an energized Reunion Committee chaired by Bud Johnson and with enthusiastic support of Vito DePalo, Barbara Jameson, Lil Jonson, Cliff Kibbe, and Jeannette

Lambert.

We are grateful to Ralph Zavarella, Principal of the Middle School, who willingly gave of his free time and graciously guided our group through a delightfully reminiscent tour of our alma mater. Although the physical aspects of the building have changed dramatically, the thrill of walking through the hallowed halls recalled so many experiences of our high school days.

On Saturday evening, Ferruccio's was the

scene of a warm, exciting, and well-attended HALF-CENTURY BANQUET. Nostalgia took over as we listened to music of the 40's and indulged in a scrumptious buffet. Everyone had a GREAT TIME!

A brunch at the Ivanhoe Restaurant on Sunday morning culminated our long-to-be-remembered weekend of reminiscing and sharing of fond memories.

Dave & Barbara Skolnick Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

David & Barbara Skolnick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past week at the Delaney House.

Barbara was a principal in the Agawam Public Schools for 27 years, and is currently beginning her seventh year as adjunct professor at Springfield College. She's also the secretary of the Silver Foxes and Belles at the Springfield Jewish Community Center.

David has been the Illustrious Potentate of the Melha Temple Shrine. He has been the President of the Agawam Education Association, Past Commander of the J.W.V. Post No. 26 in the greater Springfield area, and has been an Agawam City Councilor for the past eight years.

They have one son, Attorney Scott E. Skolnick, who is married to Myriam. David & Barbara have two grandchildren, Jared (10) and Sara (11).

Agawam Lioness Club To Meet October 6th

The first regular monthly meeting of the Agawam Lioness Club will be held at the Lions Den at The Big E on Monday, October 6th.

The social hour is at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be pot luck.

All members will be called and reminded of their specific part of the meal; those who have not made a choice, will be asked to do so at that time.

The speaker for the evening will be Attorney Gina Letellier. Her subject will be "Wills" (all kinds). If you have any questions, she will be happy to answer them.

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Calendar Of October Events For Agawam Golden Age Clubs

CHAPTER 2

October 1st: Anniversary Banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. Entertainment by Richard Mitnick at the organ.

October 15th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Senator Linda Melconian.

October 28th: A trip to Aqua Turf for a Halloween Party.

October 31st: Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m.

CHAPTER 1

October 3rd: Board of Directors' meeting at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

October 8th: The Anniversary Dinner meeting at the Oak Ridge Country Club on South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Dinner at 12:30 p.m.

October 22nd: Bake Sale will be held before the 1:30 p.m. regular meeting.

October 23rd: Trip to North Shore to see the musical "Oliver."

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 29th: Stuffed peppers with extra sauce, mashed potatoes, corn, oat bread, orange.

Tuesday, September 30th: Zucchini soup, Peter's pizza (cheese, pepperoni, hamburger), tossed salad, hot peach cobbler.

Wednesday, October 1st: Meatloaf with gravy, butternut squash, succotash, rye bread, tapioca.

Thursday, October 2nd: Tortellini soup, meatball grinders with extra sauce, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Friday, October 3rd: Baked fish, baked beans, California blend veggies, whole wheat bread, pineapples.

'Blue, Brews, And BBQ's' Festival Coming To Riverside Park Oct. 4-5

New England will be singing the blues during the first weekend in October as nationally known blues artists will perform at Riverside Park's first annual "Blues, Brews, and BBQ's" festival on Saturday, October 4th, and Sunday, October 5th, with the music beginning at 12:00 noon each day.

Riverside Park will kick-off its inaugural Bluesfest with musical performances from Bo Diddley, Buddy Guy, Koko Taylor, Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson, Lonnie Brooks Blues Band, Byther Smith, Johnny Vibrato, Blue Steel, Young Neal & The Vipers, John Primer, Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers, James Cotton, Todd Snyder & the Nervous Wrecks, Mark Nomad, The Hornets, and Susan Tedeschi Band.

The nationally-known performers bring with them decades of praise from the world of blues. Bo Diddley has been inducted into the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, honored with a star in the sidewalk on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

Koko Taylor has been honored as Chicago's "Legend of the Year" and has won 14 W.C. Handy Awards (the Grammy of the Blues community). These performers, combined with the entire lineup at Riverside's "Blues, Brews, and BBQ's," have earned 15 W.C. Handy Awards, five Grammy Awards, and have performed live for three United States Presidents.

"Blues, Brews, and BBQ's" will be the biggest and best compilation of blues artists that New England has ever seen," said Bill Muirhead, General Manager of Riverside Park. "These performers transcend the blues," he added.

Eight performers will entertain fans each day of the two-day festival with musical hits from the past and present. Buddy Guy, the three-time Grammy Award winner who will be performing on Sunday, October 5th, takes each performance as a chance to prove his talents and thrill audiences.

"Whenever I play live, I tell myself that there are always people out there who don't know who I am," explains Guy. "They might be people who read a nice comment Eric Clapton or Jeff Beck said about me. I know this goes on because kids come up to tell me that they heard Eric say I was the best blues guitar player alive."

CCBA To Host Fundraiser Oct. 4th: 'Fall Harvest Wine Extravaganza'

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) invites you to a "Fall Harvest Wine Extravaganza" — a great evening of wine tasting and good cheer!

This event will take place on Saturday, October 4th, at the American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield Street, Agawam, between 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

"I don't let that go to my head," Guy continued. "The way that I feel is that Eric brought that kid to me. Now I have to show him what Buddy Guy is all about. That's how it's going to be for the rest of my life. I'm going to go out there on stage and show people what Buddy Guy can do. I want the people to leave my shows saying, 'My God, what have I been missing?'"

Along with the tremendous musical talent, there will be 100 beers to sample from over 20 New England brewers. Completing the "Blues, Brews, and BBQ's" lineup will be 12 restaurants serving up their delicious BBQ specialties.

"We've put together a solid lineup of national, regional, and local Blues greats, as well as over 100 brews from across New England and the country," stated Ron Severt, Director of Marketing for Riverside Park. "Add BBQ samplings from over a dozen restaurants, and it's definitely a weekend to remember."

The line for Saturday, October 4th, is Johnny Vibrato, Bo Diddley, Byther Smith, Blue Steel, Young Neal & The Vipers, John Primer, Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers, and James Cotton.

Performing Sunday, October 5th, will be Buddy Guy, Koko Taylor, Lonnie Brooks Blues Band, Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson, Todd Snyder & the Nervous Wrecks, Susan Tedeschi Band, The Hornets, and Mark Nomad.

All "Blues, Brews, and BBQ's" festivities will be held in the newly-renovated, \$4 million Picnic Grove along the Connecticut River.

Concert tickets are now available and can be charged by phone at Ticketmaster locations (in Massachusetts, 413-733-2500; in Connecticut, 860-585-4500). Ticket prices are as follows:

One day (in advance), \$17, includes \$2 parking fee; two day (in advance), \$27, includes \$2 parking fee; one day (day of the show), \$20, parking not included; two day (purchased Saturday, October 4th), \$32, parking not included.

One-day tickets purchased in advance MUST be purchased for either Saturday OR Sunday; they are not valid either day. All concert tickets include all rides and attractions at New England's New SuperPark. Park hours for "Blues, Brews, and BBQ's" are 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

One-hundred different kinds of wine from the latest harvest will be featured, including dry, sweet, imported, and domestic varieties.

Tickets are \$15 each, and they can be purchased at the door. In addition, they are available at Maria's Pizza, 605 Silver Street, Agawam, or from any CCBA member.

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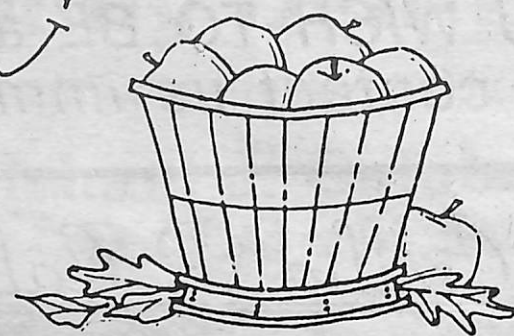
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Get in the "spirit" of the Halloween season by planning to enter and attend a local "Scarecrow Contest." Registration forms are available at Cooper's behind the Country Squire Furniture Shop, 161 Main Street, Agawam (call Cooper's at 786-7760 for more information).

Individuals or groups are eligible to enter in one of the following categories: youths ages seven to 15 (with no help from adults); adults ages 16 and older; group (scout troops, classrooms, neighborhoods, friends, businesses, etc.); and family.

Registration and set-up is October 1st through 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and October 5th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Upon arrival, come in to Cooper's to register.

Each entry must be prepared to sit or stand on its own props (no props will be provided). Stakes may be driven; however, grounds must be left as before the scarecrows arrived. Do not drive nails into the trees, and rubber, plastic, or store-bought masks are not allowed.

Each entry must be constructed to withstand all weather conditions. Scarecrows must be firmly packed. If fresh vegetables are used, replace as necessary.

All scarecrows must be named. Use a small sign no larger than 5" x 7".

Creators are responsible for keeping their scarecrow in good viewing and picture-taking condition from set-up until award day. Scarecrows must be checked each week and more often if weather is bad.

Votes will be cast by the viewing public. Ballots are available at Cooper's and the Country Squire Shop from October 5th through 25th.

Prizes have been donated by Riverside Park,



KAY LEARY of Cooper's at 161 Main Street, Agawam, said the store is planning a "Scarecrow Contest" that will begin on October 1st. Call 786-7760 for further information.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

E.B.'s Restaurant, Games and Lanes, Inc., Stan's Soft Serve, The Rollaway, and Bruno's Pizza. The prizes will be awarded on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m., and entrants or their representatives must be present.

On Wednesday, October 29th, the scarecrows

must be taken down and removed by 5:00 p.m. Please check in and sign out at Cooper's.

The public is cordially invited to participate in this "Scarecrow Contest," and Cooper's hopes that everyone will have fun!

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WMass Genealogical Society To Meeting On Wed., October 1st

The Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will meet at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in downtown Springfield on Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 p.m. The genealogical library will open at 5:00 p.m. for the use of Society members.

The scheduled program is a slide show titled "Old New England Gravestones and the Stories They Tell," presented by Fred Oakley of the Association for Gravestone Studies.

Cemeteries are really outdoor museums full of our country's first sculpture, history, and art, and are a chronicle of religious beliefs and family genealogies. This lecture on gravestones will acquaint the audience with these silent artifacts and the pleasure and information that can be derived from gravestone reading in old cemeteries.

Mr. Oakley is a past president of the Association for Gravestone Studies, and serves at present as its treasurer and trustee. He specializes in the restoration of old gravestones.

For more program information, call (413) 534-7406.

Baked Ham Dinner At Turnverein On Saturday, Oct. 3rd

You are cordially invited to join the members of the Springfield Turnverein, at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, for a Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, October 3rd.

The full menu will include baked ham, roasted potatoes, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and cake, priced very reasonably.

Reservations may be made by October 1st by calling the Club at 786-0924. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Music will be available for the evening by our DJ Dick.

Italian Women's Club Plan Dinner Meeting On Monday, Oct. 20th

The October 20th Dinner Meeting of the Italian Women's Club will be hosted by Ann Sapelli and Paula Creanza.

The meeting is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born of Italian heritage or married to an Italian).

The topic for this month is "Health Issues - National Breast Cancer Month."

For more information, call Mrs. Creanza at 596-2577 or Ms. Sapelli at 525-2298.

"Taste Of Italy" At Mt. Carmel School On Sat., October 4th

The sixth Annual Festival of "The Taste of Italy" will be held on Saturday, October 4th at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Auditorium, 36 Margaret Street, Springfield, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

A variety of your favorite Italian homemade foods from all regions of Italy will please your palate; some 40 booths in all. Food tickets in 50 cent increments will be sold at the door.

A benefit raffle for parish restoration will take place at 8:00 p.m.

Shooting Star Dance To Hold Benefit On Sat., October 4th

Shooting Star Dance Center will host a Benefit Dance for Competition Class on Saturday, October 4th from 8:00-12:00 p.m.

The dance will be held at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, featuring a raffle and DJ Dancing Dave.

Donation is \$5 per person at the door. For tickets, call 786-0660.

Ag. Cultural Council To Sponsor December 6th Trip To NYC

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 6th.

Various stops will be made so that participants may attend museums, the theatre, do some shopping, and/or partake of other cultural events.

Tickets are \$18 and may be obtained by sending a check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001, or by calling 786-1859.

Annual CROP Walk In Agawam Set For Sunday, Oct. 19th

The Annual Agawam/West Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will be held (rain or shine) October 19th at 2:00 p.m. (Registration from 1:00-2:00 p.m.) It will begin at the United Methodist Church (across from Agawam High School).

Most churches have walker sheets, however, if you wish to walk, sponsor, or both and are having trouble obtaining sheets, please call Bob Broga at 786-7720 or Rev. Rob Donaldson at 786-5061.

Please join us in helping the hungry and homeless around the block and around the world.

Operation Friendship Has Roast Beef Dinner Slated For Oct. 18th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on October 18th.

Servings are from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$7.25; children under 12 are \$4; and children under five are free.

For reservations, call 786-7898 or 789-2410. Walk-ins are welcomed.

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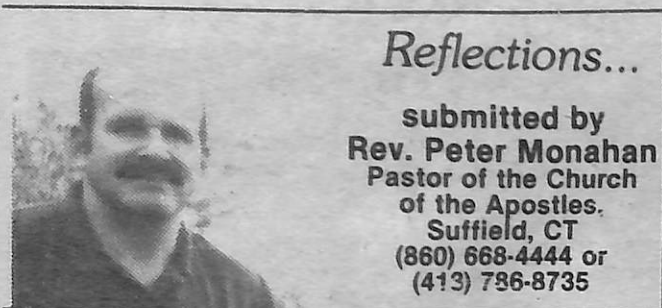
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The World's Greatest Liar

Satan's greatest strength, his real power, comes from his ability to lie. Jesus Christ called the devil "the father of lies." Jesus said it is Satan's core character to lie.

Satan's favorite lie is that God doesn't exist. Isn't it interesting how many people these days have lost sight of God's very existence! It wasn't too long ago that God's existence was not a matter of debate. God's existence was accepted and understood, being initially sensed from the fact of the created world itself.

Nowadays, we look at this marvelous, vast, and complicated world, and some people can actually think it created itself. We look at various life forms, the animals as well as the human species, all so interestingly different and yet so amazingly interconnected; some people believe that all life forms spontaneously self created in a prehistoric puddle. It's too bad that same kind of thinking can't be applied to all the renovations being conducted at our school buildings; the taxpayers and students would certainly benefit if the buildings themselves would merely obey the "laws" of evolution!

Satan's second favorite lie is that he doesn't exist. Darkness is the preferred venue of all criminals, because they cannot be readily observed by their victims. It is the epitome of wisdom for the Mafia to never even admit to its own ex-

istence.

The devil is not like the images conjured up in horror movies. The devil, Lucifer by name, is a fallen angel. We can't see him any more than we can see God's good angels. Isn't it ironic how so many people today believe in angels - there are even bumper stickers on cars to that effect - but many people think it is foolish to believe the devil exists. When one thinks about it, one realizes it doesn't make sense to believe in good spirits, angels, but not bad ones. How else can one account for evil?

Another of Satan's favorite lies, always ready as a backup in case favorite lies one and two don't work, is that you don't matter. If Satan can convince you that you amount to nothing more than a biological accident of evolutionary history waiting to die, the chances of you believing in and responding to God's great love for you is slim to none.

Satan works day and night to convince you that you are not important to anybody but yourself. Indeed, after stripping people of their sense of worth to God, as well as to other people, some people tragically come to the conclusion they are not even important to themselves anymore. Our impersonal world, where profits and pleasing Wall Street are valued more than people's lives and work, is part of Satan's lie. Easy divorce, where spouses toss each other away like used up tissue, is another part of Satan's lie.

After people are put down enough, they become downcast in their hearts. But we don't have to believe the devil's lies. "Why are you cast down, o my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I will again praise Him, my help and my God," says the Psalmist. The Epistle of James says it differently, but it says the same thing. **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Humble yourselves before God, and He will lift you up. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.**

German Fest Dinner At St. David's Church On Friday, Oct. 17th

A German Festival Dinner is to be held at St. David's Church at 699 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills on Friday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

The menu selected is rouladen (braised beef, stuffed and rolled), red cabbage, hot German potato salad with bacon, carrot salad, rolls, coffee, tea, cold drinks, and assorted German desserts.

Paul D. Gluck, an accomplished accordion player, will be providing the musical entertainment. Gluck is a member of the Shriners Oriental Band with the Melha Temple. He has performed at The Fort and at the festival at Mattoon Street in Springfield. He also played at the Hofbrauhaus in West Springfield.

Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance, and they are available by calling St. David's at (413) 786-6133. You may also purchase them at Cornerstone Christian Bookstore, 377 Walnut Street Extension, telephone (413) 789-7371.

The proceeds from this dinner will be used for the debt reduction of our new worship space at 699 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The dinner will be hosted by a small group which has been gathering weekly for five years. Small groups are a part of the growing needs of St. David's parishioners. They meet for prayer, Bible study, to check in on each other's week, and hold one another accountable for their daily lives in Christ.

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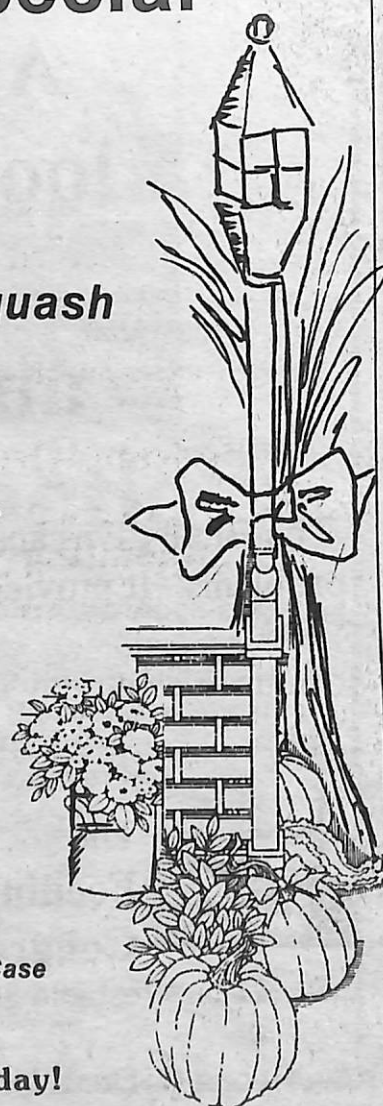
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Supper Held At St. Anthony's Church



FATHER JOHN SULLIVAN and committee officers from St. Anthony's Church in North Agawam are pictured at the September 8th church supper. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Rosary Devotions At Dominican Nuns In West Side Oct. 5th

The Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions will be held at the Chapel of the Dominican Nuns, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield on Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 p.m.

The preacher will be Reverend Walter Wagner, O.P. of St. Stephen's Priory in Dover, Massachusetts.

The service will include homily, rosary, blessing and distribution of roses, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roses will be distributed to the guests by the members of the Dominican Laity Chapter. The public is cordially invited to attend.

St. John's Over-60 Heading For NYC On Monday, Sept. 29

The St. John's Over-60 Club Trip to New York City on September 29th has some seats still available.

There are only seven seats available with tickets to Radio City Music Hall.

The price for the bus trip, tip for the driver, and First Mezzanine is \$90.

If you would just like a one-day trip to New York, there are six seats available on the bus without theatre tickets.

Interested? Call Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

Sacrament Society At St. Joseph's Church Plans Rummage Sale

The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Joseph's P.N.C. Church of Westfield are planning their annual fall rummage sale.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th. Doors close on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:00 noon. That's at St. Joseph's Social Center, Clinton Avenue, Westfield.

Clothing for young and the young-at-heart and all those in-between will be offered.

The regular jewelry boutique and a white elephant table will also be features of the sale.

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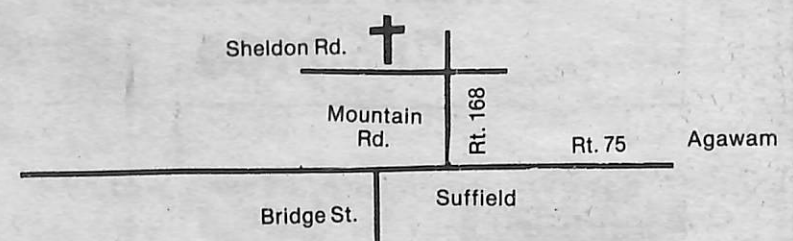
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News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. The Service of Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, September 28th, will be Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124; or Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "Is God Taking Care of Us?"

Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Sunday, September 28th will be your last chance this year to sample the delicious cooking of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. We're serving scrumptious meals at The Big E. The dining room is located at the church on the green at Storowton Village.

Our menu includes chicken pie, capon, ham, roast beef, and meatloaf. Dessert and beverage are included with each meal.

It's a way to rest your feet and satisfy your hunger at the same time!

Sunday worship and monthly church committee meetings just barely expose us as UCC members to the work being carried out by the United Church of Christ. You can learn more about this work in upcoming Mission Moments during worship.

On October 12, 1997, we will take our annual collection for Neighbors in Need. This is an all-church offering which benefits our disadvantaged homeland neighbors as well as American Indian ministries in the United Church of Christ. Many multicultural and multiracial as well as economic and environmental programs are supported by our gifts.

Please consider a generous contribution to the wider mission of the church and support these programs.

The annual CROP Walk to raise funds for hunger relief through Church World Service will take place on Sunday, October 19th. If you can walk with the support of sponsors, you can help this cause. If you can't walk, won't you plan to sponsor someone who can?

Call Bob Broga at 786-7720 for more information. This year we'd like to see all Agawam and West Springfield churches represented.

On the calendar:
Sunday, September 28th: 10:00 a.m., Worship/Sunday School; Big E ends.
Tuesday, September 30th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Wednesday, October 1st: 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
Thursday, October 2nd: AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Church Is Now Seeking Crafters For Holiday Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, West Springfield, is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its fifth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

For further information, please call 737-2166 or 737-4145.

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Ag. Congregational Lists Calendar For Coming Weeks

This Sunday, September 28th, is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "A Ministry of Power," taken from Text: Mark 9:38-41. His children's message will be "A Cup of Water."

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for grades seven through 12, and at 10:30 a.m. for kindergarten through grade six.

The Church School will be using the "Whole People of God." This highly praised program will be used for every age group.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is pasta/rice.

Items collected each week are donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Junior High Group will meet on Sunday, September 28th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for all Junior High youth. Come meet new friends, bring your old friends, and plan activities and events.

Call the church office at 786-7111 for more information concerning this group.

The church will hold an **All Church - Capital Fund Drive Meeting** this Sunday, September 28th, at 5:30 p.m. This will be a Potluck Supper with A-K bringing salads, and L-Z bringing main dishes. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend this most important meeting concerning the church.

A Chicken & Biscuit Supper is planned for Saturday, October 18th. Continuous servings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes boneless chicken & biscuits, winter squash, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, cranberry sauce, apple pie, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111 or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908.

Reservations close on October 17th.

The Public Is Invited To Worship At Valley Community Church

Members of Valley Community Church open their doors and their hearts and invite everyone to attend the Worship Service on Sunday, September 28th.

This Sunday's service will be led by Reverend Duncan Washburn. (Pastor Steve Dennehy will be away on a mission trip to Chimaltentango, Guatemala, until October 18th.) This week's message is "Create in me a clean heart" and is taken from Psalms 51:1-13 and from 1 Timothy 1:1-11.

You are guaranteed to find his message both thought-provoking and inspiring. Rev. Washburn is a teacher in the Springfield Christian School, and we are pleased to have him share his Sunday mornings with us.

The children in the church will depart the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Church. Children's Church, led by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons, is a child's version of the same message heard by the adults.

Following the worship service, everyone is invited for Coffee & Fellowship in Dunn Hall. We welcome all our visitors to attend to learn more of the church and its members.

Sunday School begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. Classes are available for all ages, from kindergarten through adults. Nursery care is also provided.

Both **Junior and Senior Choir** will meet on Wednesday evening. Junior Choir begins at 6:15 p.m. and is led by Margie Secora. These children are having a wonderful time, singing loudly and enthusiastically, as well as learning to play music on their bells. They certainly are an inspiration to watch as well as hear.

The Senior Choir begins their rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Sue Morgan, choir members choose and practice music that stirs your heart (and, at times, gets your toes to tapping). Church members are always thrilled by the music that this choir shares during Worship.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. For more information, please feel free to call the church office at 786-2445, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Public Invited To Weekly Worship At Valley Community

It is our pleasure to welcome all those who are in search of God's message for this age at the Agawam United Methodist Church, located at 459 Mill Street, Feeding Hills (across from Agawam High School). We meet at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

There is Bible Class at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

An AA group for women will meet in the building on the 30th of this month.

Cub Scouts meet on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

God speaks to all those who want to hear the directions for life. He speaks to people at differing levels of development.

The church tries to be one of the vehicles by which the message for daily life and living reaches people.

The story of a boy named Samuel, which is told in the Book of Samuel is an example of God's communication to children and youth.

The story indicates that the message of God can reach the adult through the child. Eli the priest realized his mistake of not correcting his sons when Samuel told him what God said about it.

Today, our children can know good from what is evil, at a very early age, but like Samuel, they must be exposed to and introduced to God.

They must be, at their tender ages, acquainted with God.

Our Sunday School, which meets also at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, tries to meet the need of helping children to grow up with the ability and strength to choose the right path.

They will know without being hammered into a form of mechanical obedience, what things or practices are healthy or unhealthy to their souls or to their lives.

In other words, they will become acquainted with God's guidelines for daily living.

Because all this becomes more effective during adult life, we urge that the privilege for this early Christian learning be embraced.

Harvest Smorgasbord At First Baptist Church

A Harvest Smorgasbord will be held at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Saturday, October 4th.

Seatings will be held at 4:45 or 6:15 p.m., and the cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

The menu will consist of a fruit cup, homemade baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, Harvard beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, cranberry salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, assorted homebaked pies, and beverages (coffee, tea, or milk).

For reservations, please call Martha at 786-0337, Norma at 786-8209, or Jeanne at 786-8609. (Also, please call if you must cancel.)

If you wish to be a new subscriber, please call us today at 786-7747 or 786-8137.

Activities At First Baptist Church

"Wise or Wiseguy?" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday morning, September 28th, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at First Baptist Church. The scriptural text is taken from James 3: 13-18.

Leading the responsive reading will be Ashley Bessette. Greeters for the morning will be Aletha Hodge and Bernice Nowill. Special anthems will be presented by the Choir, under the direction of Scott Thomson.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall. Classes for all ages are now in session for the fall season. Nursery care is available.

September 28th will be Christian Education Sunday, with recognition of teachers and leaders.

The Deacons will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Activities and meetings for this week include:
Monday, September 29th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search (a bible study group at the home of Sharon Grabowski).

Tuesday, September 30th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection.

Wednesday, October 1st: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 2nd: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, October 4th: Fall Smorgasbord in Bodurtha Hall (sittings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.). Call 786-0337 or 786-8209 for reservations.

Contemporary Christian music fans are reminded that on Friday, October 3rd, artist Michael Card will be appearing at the Paramount Theatre in Springfield.

Contact the Cornerstone Christian Bookstore for confirmation of date and ticket sale information.

Tag Sale Scheduled For September 27th At Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding a Tag Sale/Flea Market/Bake Sale on Saturday, September 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot at 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Space is available for \$10 (bring your own tables) for anyone wishing to join the tag sale. All proceeds from the table belong to the vendor.

There are a limited number of spaces with an eight-foot table available for \$15 each on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 734-9268.

A Bake Sale table will feature homemade pies, cakes, cookies, jams, jellies, and more. Coffee, cider, and donuts will be on sale all day, as well as hot dogs at lunchtime.

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Spotlight On Business



LOG CABIN CANDLE at 660 College Highway, Southwick, would be a nice place to stop when taking a drive down scenic Route 10 and 202 during the fall months. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Log Cabin Candle Now Open On College Highway, Southwick

Log Cabin Candle opened its doors on July 18th at 660 College Highway, Southwick. The store is a 4,000 square-foot cabin-style facility where the candles are manufactured and retailed right on the premises. The store also features a gourmet coffee shop and candy counter.

Gary Buendo, an Agawam resident, is the store's owner and candlemaker. He receives plenty of family support from his wife, Pat, and their three daughters, Jenn, Marie, and Angela.

Gary previously worked for Costco in West Springfield for the past seven years and he brings much of Costco's same philosophy to his own



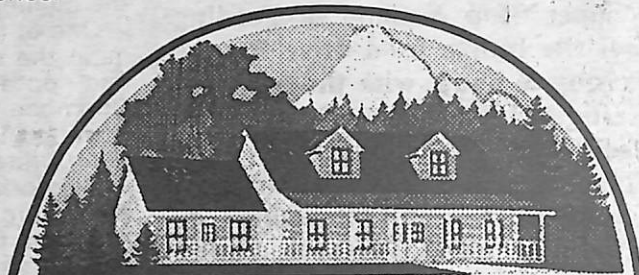
GARY BUENDO, owner and operator of **Log Cabin Candle**, located at 660 College Highway, Southwick, assists Southwick resident **Kenneth Haar** with his purchase. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

business - giving customers a good value.

Gary made candles at his home for four years as a hobby before opening **Log Cabin Candle**. Because his friends and neighbors enjoyed the candles, he worked at perfecting them and then began mixing his own fragrances (which number close to 100 at this time).

Log Cabin Candle offers a large selection and variety of candles and holders, as well as other gift items and toys. The store offers favor ideas for showers and customers can also make up their own gift baskets and have them wrapped.

Gary has put much time and effort into the store's interior and exterior design in the hope that customers will stop in for an enjoyable family shopping experience.

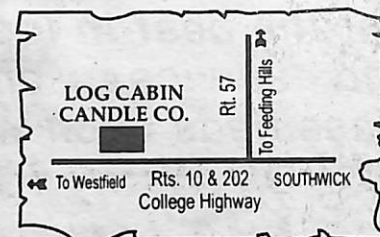


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“Food For Friends” At Stop & Shop...



ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson was on hand to officially proclaim this day as “Food For Friends” at Super Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills. This was the fourth food drive for the Feeding Hills Stop & Shop, with the food going to the Western Massachusetts Food Bank and distributed to local food kitchens. IN TOP LEFT PHOTO: Shirley C. Mahone Gauthier, Marilyn A. Desrosiers, and Brandon A. Desrosiers. IN TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Emilia Miner (Stop & Shop manager), Mayor Johnson, Steven Provost (chairman of the “Food For Friends” committee), Andrew M. Meader (fundraising volunteer), and Jason Grimaldi (fundraising volunteer). Advertiser News

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Announcements From The Agawam Chamber Of Commerce

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at Riverside Park on Tuesday, July 22nd, to participate in a four-hour strategic planning retreat. The retreat was held to provide members of the Board an opportunity to review their accomplishments and establish goals for the coming year.

One of the goals is to pursue new benefits that meet the needs and expectations of the current and potential membership of the Agawam Chamber. Currently members can access discounts on such things as Health Insurance and Long Distance.

Networking and promotional opportunities are also a big benefit of Chamber involvement. The Agawam Chamber wants to keep their current membership informed of these benefits, while working to develop new incentives for business involvement.

The Chamber Board also discussed the need to keep informed about the needs of the membership. With this in mind, the Chamber will perform

a periodic survey, as well as meet one-on-one with its members through monthly visits.

The Chamber will perform a survey of its membership to find out how it can better serve them. Board members realize that the Chamber cannot provide proper benefits without hearing from the membership and understanding their needs. Information about their size, and type of business and reason for belonging will help the Chamber better understand their customers' motives.

Through the use of FAX's, articles in the Chamber Channels, and ongoing contact through personal visits and mailed surveys, the Chamber hopes to become more informed and, therefore, better able to serve.

If you are a member of the Agawam Chamber and have an interest in getting involved, or own a business and want more information about Chamber membership, please call Debra A. Boronski or Cecelia Lang at 787-1555.

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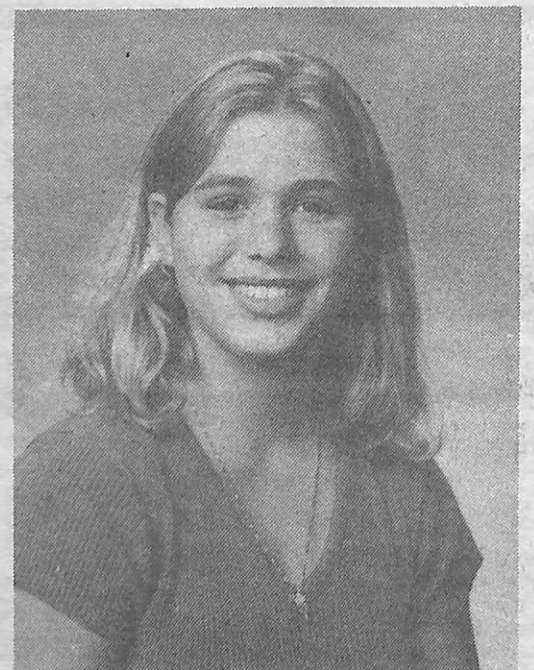
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

MICHELE L. RILEY OF FEEDING HILLS has been appointed case manager of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County.

Michele L. Riley Is Case Manager Of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Michele L. Riley of Feeding Hills has been appointed case manager of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County. The organization matches volunteer mentors with children of single-parent homes in Hampden County. The announcement was made recently at the 95 State Street, Springfield office by Elizabeth Russell, executive director.

Riley is a graduate of Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, where she majored in psychology and studied sociology and Peace Corps studies. She was nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship in 1994. Riley earned a master's degree in social work at Boston University.

Riley previously completed intern work at the Italian Home for Children in Jamaica Plains where she provided individual therapy for children ages four through 13 with emotional and behavioral problems. Her experience also includes stints at the Laboure Center, Elder Services in South Boston, the Brighton Center for Child and Family and the South Boston Neighborhood House.

"My goal is to ensure successful support to the matches of at-risk children with caring Big Brother and Sister volunteers," she said. "Many people don't realize that with a one-on-one mentoring program like Big Brothers Big Sisters, it is not too late to intervene in a pre-teen or teen's life—and bring about a positive change," she observed.

Since there is a waiting list in Springfield and surrounding towns of children ages seven to 14, there is a need for volunteers, she explained. People interested in volunteering to be Big Brothers or Big Sisters should call Riley at 781-4730.

THE PIONEER GROUP Announces The Promotion Of Two Of Its Agents

The **PIONEER GROUP**, the largest real estate firm in Greater Springfield offering Buyer Brokerage service to its clients, is proud to announce that Bill Besner of Chicopee has been promoted and is now a Senior Agent of the firm and Tammy Plante has been promoted to Senior Buyer's Agent.

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Bank Donates To Kamp For Kids



DAVID SCANLON (left), Director of Westfield's Kamp For Kids, is shown accepting a check for \$5,000 from Rebecca Ligsukis, Vice-President and Treasurer of Westfield Bank. The Bank's contribution is to be used to support camperships and other ongoing projects of the Kamp For Kids.

Legal Memo

by

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Alimony In Massachusetts

Historically, the duty of economic support went only one way. In exchange for the traditional homemaking and childrearing services, the husband had the duty to support his wife. Upon divorce, alimony was payable from a husband to a wife, but not vice versa.

With changes in the laws concerning a woman's right to possess property in her name and evolution in the traditional view of marital roles and responsibilities, the original concept of financial support being the sole obligation of the husband became outmoded. Massachusetts amended its alimony statute in 1974 to make it sex-neutral.

The basis for awarding alimony in Massachusetts is G.L. c. 208, section 34, which provides that a court having personal jurisdiction over both parties may order either to pay alimony to the other. In determining the amount of alimony, the court considers numerous factors that are also determinative in deciding how to divide the parties' property. These include

- length of marriage
- conduct of the parties during the marriage
- age and health
- station
- occupation
- amount and sources of income
- vocational skills and employability
- estate
- liabilities and needs of each of the parties
- the opportunity of each for future acquisition of capital assets and income, and
- the present and future needs of the dependent children of the marriage.

Although not required to do so, the court may consider the respective contribution of the parties to asset accumulation, preservation, or appreciation and to homemaking. The court also investigates health insurance coverage as mandated by Section 34 in order to ensure the obligor spouse provides coverage for the other spouse or reimbursement for such coverage. Note that the obligor's cost for health insurance coverage for the spouse cannot be used to reduce the order for alimony.

The purpose of alimony is to provide for the continued maintenance or support of one party by the other when the relative economic circumstances and other enumerated factors make it appropriate.

Best local news...

NEWS40 And Standard Uniform Services To Kick Off "Coats For Kids" Campaign

On Monday, September 29th, NEWS40 will be kicking off its eighth annual "Coats for Kids" campaign.

Standard Uniform Services of Agawam has been a partner in this campaign for many years, and has pledged to clean every item of donated clothing before it is distributed to needy children. The mission is to make sure that no child in the Pioneer Valley goes without a warm winter coat this winter.

Last year, a record 10,000 coats were collected and cleaned by Standard Uniform Services, and distributed by the Salvation Army. If you have coats that you have outgrown, or simply not worn, please bring them to any of the collection points

Our deadline is every Tuesday at 12:00 noon. However, because of the large amount of copy that we receive during this time of the year, we appreciate any ads and articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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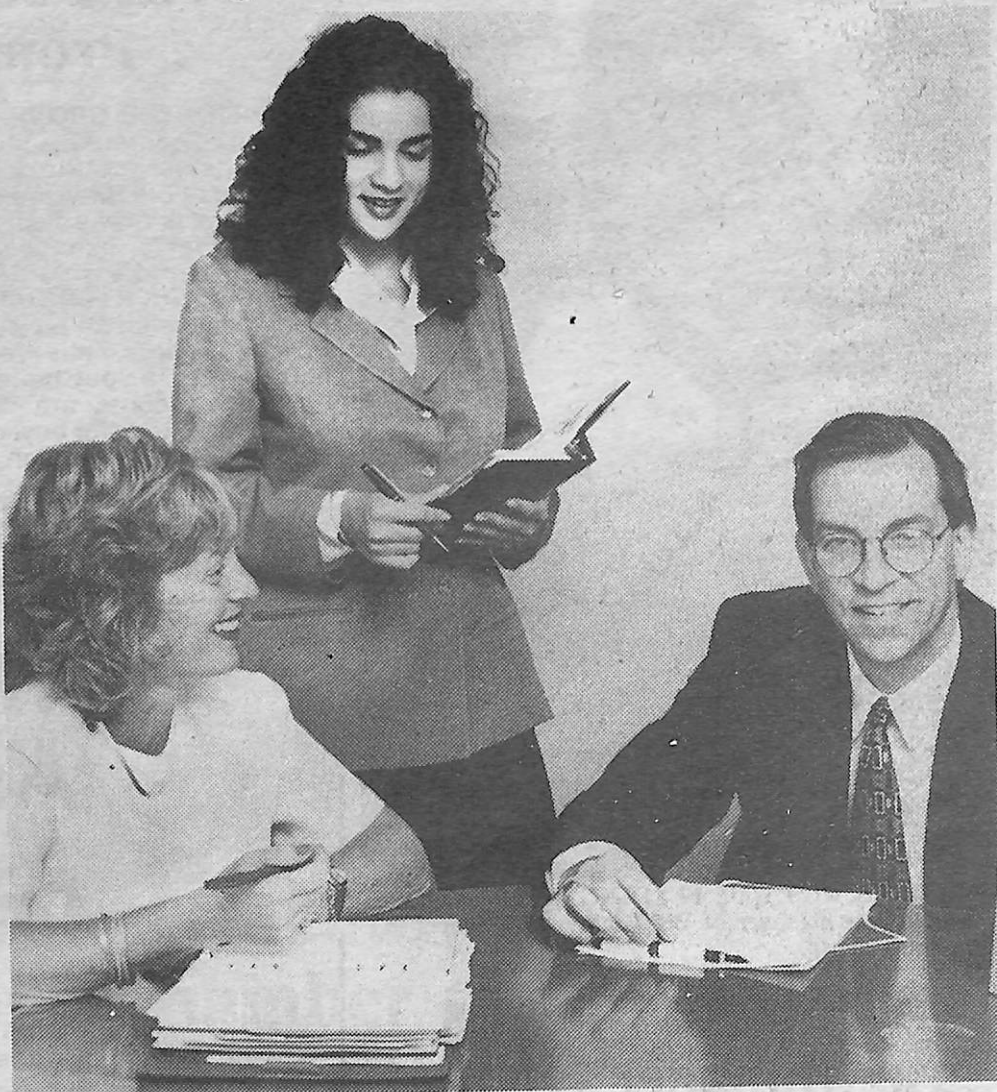
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Helping The Comm. United Way



COMMUNITY UNITED WAY staff member Harriet Fortin and SIS loaned executive Maribel Torres met with employee campaign coordinator and Agawam resident Brad Martin of Ryan, Martin, Costello, Leiter, Steiger & Cass P.C. to discuss ways of getting in-TENSE to support this year's Community United Way campaign to raise \$5.8 million — a 10 percent increase over last year.



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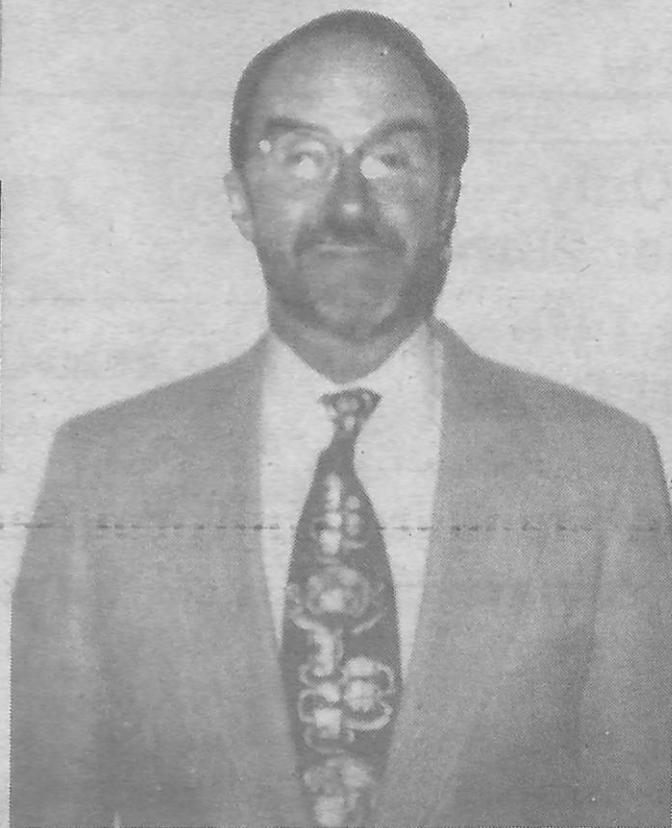


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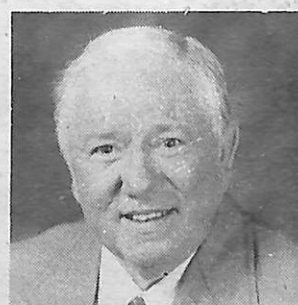
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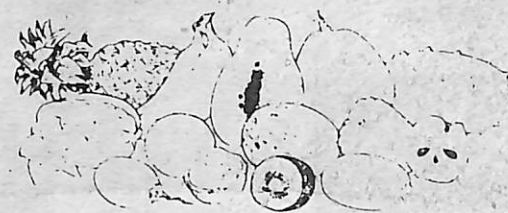
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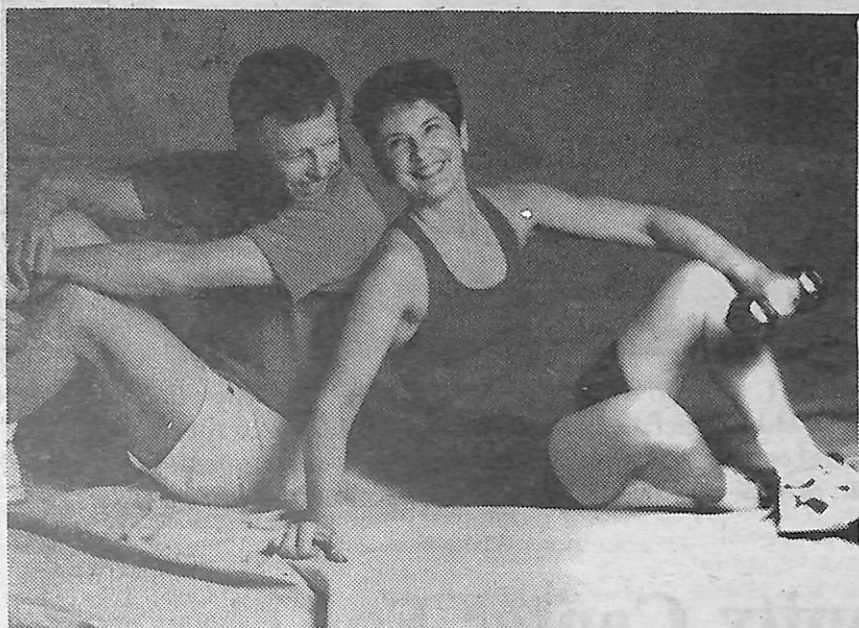
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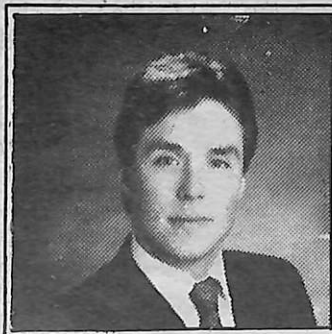
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Chiropractic Care And Otitis Media...

You may have noted a variety of reports in the media recently condemning the indiscriminate use of antibiotics. The result is a variety of super-resistant microbes that can be deadly.

Now the latest issue of the *British Medical Journal* (BMJ 1197:315;98-102) has attracted considerable attention because of an article denouncing the use of antimicrobial (antibiotics) on otitis media or middle ear infections. In the United States, the routine medical treatment for middle ear infection is a regimen of antibiotic therapy. If antibiotic therapy is pronounced unsuccessful, tympanostomy tubes are often recommended.

Froom, et al reported on the results of a study involving 3,600 children in nine countries. The authors concluded, "Antibiotic treatment did not improve the rate of recovery of the patient in this study." Literature reviews by Lehnert resulted in a conclusion that antibiotic therapy for acute otitis media in children between 1939 and 1991 was poorly supported.

The list of potentially harmful side effects and the percentage of children they affect includes nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea (in two to 32 percent of children), depending on dosage and the antibiotic used; cutaneous (skin) reaction, less than five percent; and numerous rare organ system effects, including rare fatalities.

Tympanostomy tubes are often recommended following unsuccessful antibiotic therapy. Unfortunately, most children who have the procedure have recurrent effusion within two months, and up to 25 percent may have hearing loss.

In the face of this evidence, medical physicians must curtail the use of antibiotics in most cases.

Chiropractic treatment offers an effective alternative for those not amenable toward allopathic procedures. A review of the literature supporting chiropractic care in children with otitis media includes:

Hendricks and Larkin reviewed the literature supporting a physiologic rationale for chiropractic management of otitis media. Frochic published the results of a retrospective study of 46 children five years of age and under with otitis media; 93 percent of all episodes improved, and 75 percent in 10 days or less.

Fysh described a case series of five patients five years of age and under with chronic recurrent otitis media. Each of the children responded favorably to chiropractic care.

Heagy reported favorable results in four cases of otitis media in children. Additional case studies have been published by Marko and Webster, reporting favorable results in children with this condition.

Detailed references may be obtained by contacting me.

Chiropractic care places the patient on a physiologic path which allows the body to realize healing potential without the use of drugs and/or surgeries. An appointment for a child suffering with otitis media may be made by calling my office at 789-1369.

In our present age of accountability, a new look is being taken at the safety and efficacy of the common treatments of otitis media in the United States.

Washing Cars For Michael Pietroniro...



ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, the Michael Pietroniro Fundraising Committee held a benefit car wash. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help Michael to travel to Paris, France, in order to receive treatments involving a new drug that might be capable of relieving or stopping his daily epileptic seizures. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

The Community Center For Cancer Support Has New Location In Town

Since January 1997, The Community Center for Cancer Support has been temporarily housed at 369 Main Street, Agawam. New and permanent quarters have been made possible for the Center at the "430 Plaza" shops at 430 Main Street, Agawam, effective October 1, 1997. The new Center is located just across the street and about one-eighth of a mile south on Main Street from the original location of the Center.

The Community Center for Cancer Support is an organization of volunteers who are cancer survivors or caretakers and family members of cancer patients. The Center is available to any cancer patient, family member, or friend of a cancer patient at any time after the doctor says, "You (or a loved one) have cancer."

Volunteers at the Center know first-hand what it means to hear those words and face all that follows the diagnosis: the dread, the panic, the search for knowledge, the stress, and the fear of the unknown.

The Center is a unique and innovative place for coping with cancer on many levels. By collaborating with many local and national cancer-related professionals who donate their publications and personal expertise, the Center is able to offer a wide range of counseling, social services, and healthcare education resources.

Combined under one roof with people who have "been there" through the disease process and its

treatments, the Center offers an "open door" Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and during the evening by appointment. The goal of the Center is to insure that no one in the Greater Springfield area has to face cancer alone or uninformed.

Anyone wishing to become an active participant in a personal battle against cancer is strongly encouraged to visit or call the Center at (413) 821-6990.

The Center is funded by individual donations from the public at-large and various civic groups. In addition, it operates a small thrift shop co-located with the Center called "A Unique Thrift Boutique," which features gently used items for kids and moms (clothing, toys, gifts, books, furniture, and accessories) donated by the public. All proceeds benefit the Center directly.

The thrift shop has top-quality, brand name items in great condition at very reasonable prices; hundreds of items are priced under \$5. It's a great place to browse for a bargain from Wednesday through Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Shopping at "A Unique Thrift Boutique" is "common sense for a good cause."

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We know that all too well in our office, being composed of five women. PMS is a wide range of physical and psychological symptoms women may experience seven to 14 days prior to menstruation.

Physical symptoms include:

- fatigue
- headache
- water retention (bloating)
- breast tenderness

Psychological symptoms include:

- irritability
- depression
- tension
- anxiety
- mood swings

Of course, chocolate cravings are a big favorite at this office!

A positive aspect (yes, there actually is one!) is an increase in creativity in those people involved in creative work just prior to menstruation.

The exact cause of PMS is not known, but it is probably related to the hormonal changes that occur during the menstrual cycle.

Women that are most likely to suffer from PMS are:

- over 30 (is there anything good about this!?)
- have one or more children (PMS increases with the number of children)
- low levels of exercise (another good reason to work out)
- had a mother with PMS (at least we can blame someone!)

- had toxemia during pregnancy
- postpartum depression
- have large fluxes in weight
- had an adverse reaction to contraceptives


Prevention includes:

- decrease sugar, salt, fats, red meats, dairy, processed foods
- increase whole foods, vegetables, complex carbohydrates
- eat small, frequent meals
- decrease caffeine
- decrease nicotine (has been shown to aggravate PMS symptoms)
- decrease alcohol (may exacerbate depression)
- decrease stress (has been linked to increased symptoms)

The **GOOD** news is that case studies have recently shown chiropractic treatment to be a safe, effective method of reducing many symptoms of PMS. The fundamental premise of chiropractic treatment is the removal of interference to the nervous system.

More specifically, the particular nerves that supply women's reproductive organs exit from the spine at the upper lumbar (low back) region. Chiropractors affect the nerves by adjusting the spine. Many women have experienced relief of PMS symptoms with chiropractic care.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.



**Food
for
Thought**
by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

More Proof Of The Benefits Of Green Tea

Americans drinking red wine in the name of health may want to trade in their goblets for a good, hot cup of green tea.

An antioxidant found in green tea is at least 100 times more effective than vitamin C and 25 times better than vitamin E at protecting cells and their genetic material, DNA, from damage believed to be linked to cancer, heart disease, and other potentially life-threatening illnesses, University of Kansas (KU) research shows.

The antioxidant, known as epigallocatechin gallate, or EGCG, carries twice the antioxidant punch of resveratrol, found in red wine. According to the study, EGCG also is present in black and oolong tea, although in lower concentrations.

Lester A. Mitscher, university distinguished professor of medicinal chemistry at KU, reported on the research on September 11th at the 214th American Chemical Society national meeting in Las Vegas. Delbert Shankei, KU professor emeritus of microbiology, and Segaran P. Pillai, a KU postdoctoral research scientist in medicinal chemistry, also participated in the research.

In recent years, several studies in animals and humans have suggested that green tea may help prevent certain human illnesses.

The KU research is believed to be the first to actually quantify the effectiveness of green tea's disease-fighting capabilities and measure it against other popular antioxidants. Antioxidants

Support Group For Children Whose Parents Have Cancer

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of cancer patients now have that opportunity, through a new support group at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, October 6th, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

appear to help protect human cells from attack by free radicals, which are unstable molecules generated by the body.

"Our research shows that green tea contains a powerful antioxidant, known as epigallocatechin gallate (or EGCG), that actually gets into cells to exert its protective effect," Mitscher says. "I'm not making any claims, but used in conjunction with a healthful diet and exercise program, it's like an insurance policy. It increases your odds of avoiding or postponing diseases associated with free radicals."

Other protective antioxidants are also present in tea, although not in as great amounts as EGCG is.

Mitscher was so impressed by the results of the research conducted this spring that he now takes a nutritional supplement containing the antioxidant compounds found in green tea. (The KU tests show that nutritional supplements containing the antioxidants vary in their effectiveness.)

Green tea, which is water soluble, has another advantage over vitamin E, he adds. Excessive amounts of antioxidants found in green tea are excreted by the body. The body absorbs and retains fat-based vitamins such as vitamin E, even at potentially harmful levels.

Though Mitscher won't guarantee that green tea can prevent cancer and heart disease, statistics suggest that it may postpone the disease for five years or more, he says.

"By the time we are in our 80's, it's an exceptional person who has not had cancer," Mitscher says. "That's why it's important for us to look at the kinds of compounds that may stall the development of disease."

Mitscher notes that black tea, the tea most commonly consumed by Americans, and oolong tea do not have the same antioxidant potency as green tea. That's because green tea is steamed immediately after it is picked, which prevents the leaves from oxidizing, thus preserving the EGCG. In comparison, black and oolong tea have less than half the levels of EGCG as green tea, Mitscher says.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

Infant/Child CPR Program At Mercy

An Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital will take place Saturday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

The program, which includes choking intervention, is recommended for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, and childcare providers. Participants will meet American Heart Association CPR certification requirements.

The cost is \$25 per couple or \$15 per person, and registration is required. For more information, call (413) 748-7295.

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Ag. Cultural Council First Friday Series Program Listing

* 1997 *

October 3rd - 7:30 p.m.

Guy Morin - *A Civil War Soldier*
A Journey to the Past
Agawam Public Library

November 7th - 7:30 p.m.

Agawam Community Artists
Show & Demonstration
Agawam Public Library

December 5th - 7:30 p.m.

Russian Evangelical Choir
Music For All Seasons
Agawam Baptist Church, Main St.

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February 6th - 7:30 p.m.

Henry Lafleur - *Appalachian Trail*
Hiking Journey - Slide Show Presentation
Agawam Public Library

March 6th - 7:30 p.m.

Agawam Senior Center Melody Band
Agawam Senior Center, Wright St.

April 3rd - 7:30 p.m.

Young At Hearts Chorus
Songs Old and New
Agawam Public Library

May 1st - 7:30 p.m.

David Polansky - *Musician*
A Family Concert
Agawam Public Library

Admission is free. Funding provided through a Grant from the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Westfield Theatre Group Slates Auditions For Children's Musical

Auditions are going to be held by the Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, for its second children's Christmas musical. The show, written and directed by Kathy Palmer, is called "The Town that Christmas Forgot" and will be held on December 12th and 13th.

Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 29th and 30th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

There are parts available for children ages 10 through 16. Everyone will be required to read and sing for the auditions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.

Encore Players To Open *The Play's The Thing*



DURING AN ENCORE PLAYERS rehearsal of its first show of the 1997-1998 season, "*The Play's The Thing*" by Ferenc Molnar. From left - Battie Hallen and Jeremy Linsky of Springfield, and Paul Macdonald of Feeding Hills are pictured above. Off-stage Bettie is Jeremy's grandmother. The show is under the direction of award-winning director John Burns is playing through October 5th. Call 594-5833 for ticket information.

Cultural Council To Open New Season Of First Fridays

The Agawam Cultural Council will again present their "First Friday" series. Programs are at the Agawam Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month, with the exception of December (Baptist Church, Main Street) and March (Agawam Senior Center).

All programs are free to the public.

On October 3rd, a lecture on Civil War history will be presented by Guy Morin. He will be in the costume of a Civil War soldier and will speak about the life of a Union soldier, a brief history of his Unit (28th Massachusetts Volunteers,

1861-1865), and will also provide information on the time period.

The soldier which Mr. Morin portrays is a 15-year veteran. He discusses famous battles such as Gettysburg and Spotsylvania. His uniform is custom-made and appears authentic. He does carry an authentic sword of the time.

There will be a question and answer period following the lecture.

The program for the full series will be available at the Agawam Public Library after September 25th.

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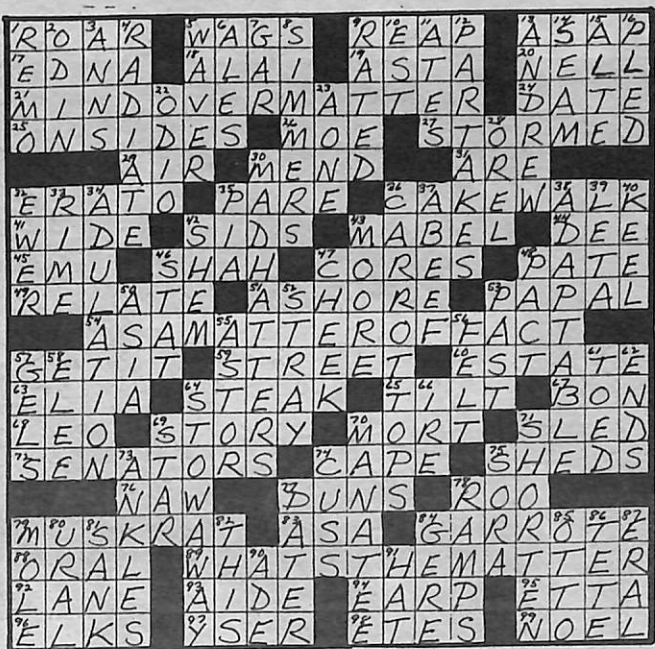
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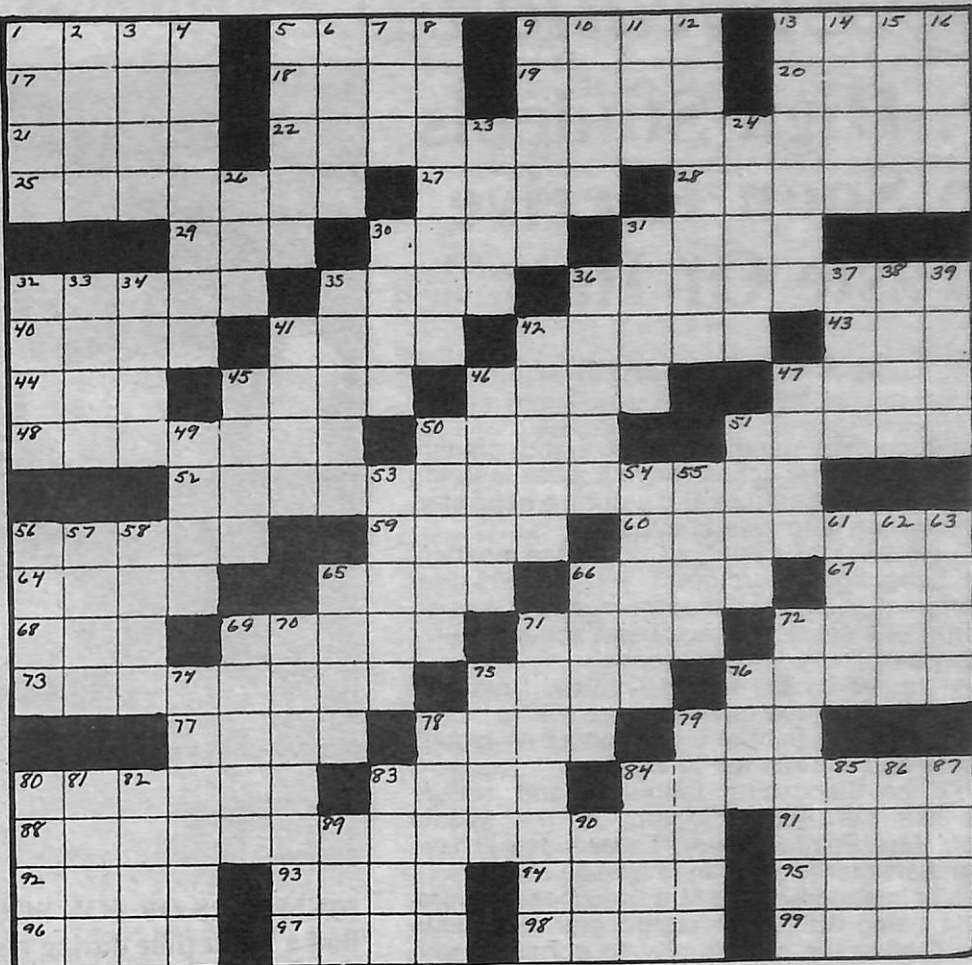
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- 28 Crooner Rudy
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- 30 Talking bird
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Last Week's Solution...



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- 9 Pilgrimage city
- 10 "Dies —"
- 11 Half a French dance
- 12 Raise
- 13 Bank employee
- 14 "Let's Make A Deal"
- 15 Words of comprehension
- 16 Swelling
- 23 Wayfarer's stops
- 24 Burr
- 26 "Tit for —"
- 30 Copycat
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- 32 Mop
- 33 Composer Porter
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- 36 Aesop's forte
- 37 Persia today
- 38 Pueblo dwellers of New Mexico
- 39 Author Ambler
- 41 German gentleman
- 42 Mrs. Dithers et al
- 45 Italy's shape
- 46 Make a point
- 47 Seamstress Betsy
- 49 Hold back
- 50 Quincy president
- 51 "— miracle"
- 53 "— of milk and honey"
- 54 Made a boo-boo
- 55 Regretted
- 56 "Little — of Horrors"
- 57 Wash and —
- 58 Nevada city
- 61 Religious picture
- 62 Top of the line
- 63 Cozy plane
- 65 Ascots
- 66 Brother of Cain
- 69 Man's man
- 70 Like Rome?
- 71 Finished (2 words)
- 72 Indian Ocean storm
- 74 Seashore user
- 75 Hook business end
- 76 Disfigure
- 78 Worker's earnings
- 79 Saturated with water
- 80 Radar image
- 81 One to Mozart
- 82 Pearl mosque site
- 83 Cut off
- 84 Sweetsops
- 85 "— sapiens"
- 86 Islamic holy man
- 87 Skin opening
- 89 Hogg with moolah
- 90 Meadow

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Leaf Art Activities At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will offer a selection of leaf art activities on Saturday, September 27th, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Children ages three and up are encouraged to sign up for this program. Materials may be picked up at the desk when books are checked out. Register by calling 789-1550, or visiting the library at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

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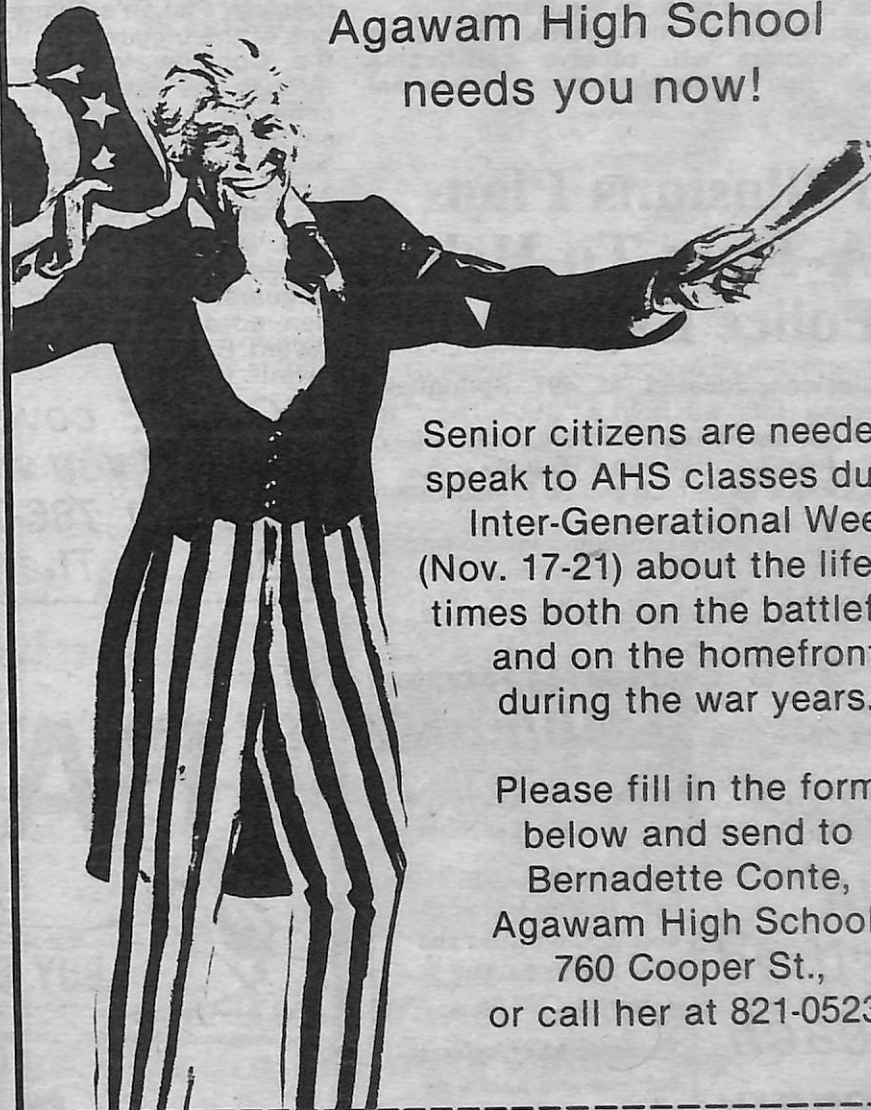
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Education

Jr. High Students To Soon Receive "Taste Of Italy"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Beginning next month, about 50 eighth graders will be staying after school once a week learning more about Italian culture and getting a head start on their Italian language studies.

At Tuesday night's School Committee meeting, World Language Coordinator Melanie Poudrier said interest in the enrichment program was so high that two sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Fully funded by the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, the course will be taught by Agawam High School world language faculty members and will run for 10 weeks.

"We'll be discussing language and culture rather like the FLEX program at the Middle School," Mrs. Poudrier said. "These kids will have a jump start on their Italian language study."

Initially intended for the Middle School, the program is being offered to eighth grade students who will have the opportunity to continue with Italian language study at the high school.

Italian Regional Vice-Consul Giuseppe Polimeni said he hoped the program, the first of its type to be sponsored by the Italian Cultural Center, would lead to a stronger relationship with Agawam and the possibility of educational grants from the Italian government to promote the study of the Italian language.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the enrichment program was an outgrowth of the vice-consul's work with Agawam's Italian Sister City Commission.

"Hopefully, we'll have the sister city program set up in the near future so we can have more cultural exchange," Johnson said.

"Thank you for giving the children of Agawam the opportunity to learn the beautiful Italian language," Polimeni said to School Committee members.

Representatives of the Italian Cultural Center said the group was happy to fund such a worthwhile project and pledged to make sure the program would work and grow in the future.

Upon completion of the course, the young language scholars will receive certificates recognizing their achievements in a formal awards program.

Shear Illusions Plans Cut-A-Thon To Help Ag. Police Explorers

Shear Illusions, located at 497 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold a "Cut-A-Thon" to benefit the Agawam Police Explorers on Saturday, October 5th, from noontime to 4:00 p.m.

Haircuts for kids (under 12) will be \$7 each; men will be \$10; women, \$12.

Members of the Police Explorers will be fingerprinting youngsters at the "Ident-A-Kid" Booth during the "Cut-A-Thon."

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MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 78 from the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills had a great time during a summer trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The trip included camping and scenic hikes to the historic battlefields of the Civil War.

Boy Scout Troop 78 Has Great Time At Week-Long Trip At Gettysburg

On July 27th, 27 Boy Scouts and 10 adult leaders from Boy Scout Troop 78, sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, departed for a week-long camping experience near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They returned on August 2nd, healthy, happy, tired, and inspired.

The highlights of the trip were several visits to historic Gettysburg. During their week-long stay, troop members went on two scenic hikes providing awesome views of the battlefields. At the Visitor's Center they saw the Electric Map, which highlighted major points of battle.

One of the most memorable experiences was running "Pickett's Charge," the mile-long route of one of the biggest and fiercest battle charges by the Confederate General Pickett. The hikes through the battlefields and past the battlesite cemetery were awe-inspiring to many as they crossed the "hallowed ground" that Abraham Lincoln so eloquently dedicated in the Gettysburg Address.

All attending had the usual fun of summer camping. Many of the boys learned new skills and earned merit badges in first aid, lifesaving, lifeguarding, riflery, and basketry. Several young men advanced to the next rank on their trail toward Eagle Scout. Some completed the mile swim!

Nearly the entire troop traveled in a small convoy of four vans to a Boy Scout Camp in the York-Adams council in Pennsylvania. Planning and fundraising took nearly two years and a united effort by parents, adult leaders, and mostly by the young men themselves.

More than half of the nearly \$7,000 in expenses were paid for through the fundraising efforts of the boys and the generous donations of community supporters. A few troop members couldn't make the trip because of commitments to work at Horace B. Moses Boy Scout Camp in Woronoco. No one was denied the opportunity to attend for financial reasons.

Before leaving for Gettysburg, the scouts had several meetings to develop plans for the upcoming year's camping and hiking trips. They did all of their own planning with approval by adult leaders. They normally camp at least one weekend per month throughout the year.

Boy Scout Troop 78 is one of the largest and most active Boy Scout troops in Western Massachusetts and meets at the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam on Tuesday nights. Both organizations share a commitment to developing healthy, strong minds and bodies, positive attitudes, and good character.

If interested in Scouting, call Rob at 786-8663.

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SCOUT BRIAN LANDRY receives his Eagle Badge from Troop 78 Scoutmaster Raymond LaBorde as his proud parents, Roger & Sue Landry, look on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brian R. Landry Of Troop 78 Receives Eagle Scout Rank

On Sunday, August 24, 1997, Brian R. Landry of Troop 78 received his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor at Saint John the Evangelist Parish Center.

The Eagle rank is the highest award a Boy Scout can earn. Only two percent of Boy Scouts reach this rank.

The Eagle Scout candidate must show leadership within his troop and during his project. He must also earn 21 merit badges.

Brian's project was done under the auspices of the Agawam Historical Society. Brian led his troop in making two signs that show how much money has been raised to renovate the Elm Street Fire Station into the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum. These signs are in front of the two Fire Stations in town.

Brian wishes to thank all those people who made his project a success. He would also like to thank the Agawam Historical Society.

"Senior Night" Slated At Agawam High On Monday, Sept. 29th

Agawam High School seniors and parents are invited to "Senior Night" to be held in the High School cafeteria on Monday, September 29th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Post high school planning, college applications, and job search will be among the topics discussed.

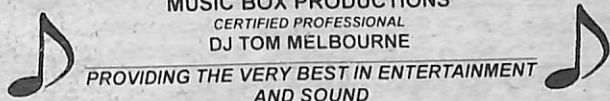
AHS Band Parents To Provide Shuttle Parking To Big E

Agawam residents, park your car at the high school during the weekends of the Big E and take the PVTA shuttle bus to the fair.

The High School Band Parents Association will once again sponsor shuttle parking at the AHS parking lot. The cost to park your car for the day is \$4. On sale at the parking lot will be Big E tickets; the \$10 ticket includes the round-trip shuttle fare.

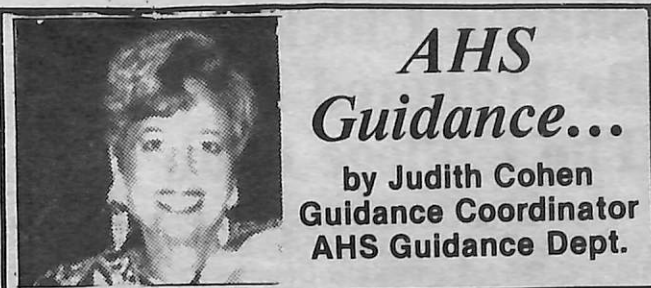
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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Guidance Coordinator
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The Value Of Time...

How many of us take time for granted? Yes, we know we have things to do, but we keep putting them off, feeling that there will always be time to do them.

It's important to take time to relax, to smell the roses, but do we take too much time? The following was sent to me by one of my sons, and I felt it merited being printed in my column.

For some of you readers, it will hit the mark. For others, you will realize that you already are using your precious time wisely. Please share this with your children. It certainly gives one pause and may make many of them reassess how they use their time.

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There is no going back. There is no drawing against the tomorrow. You just live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it wisely, so as to get out of it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

But beware — the clock is running. Start making the most of today now...

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who has failed his final exam.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

Seminar For Parents On 'How To Help Your Child Excel In School'

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to offer a seminar for parents on "How to Help Your Child Excel in School" on Thursday, October 16th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

Arvind Karnik, an instructor at Springfield Technical Community College, a private tutor, and a volunteer tutor at Project Safe on Bay Street, will share with parents ways to help their child succeed academically.

The program is free, and the public is invited to register in person, or by calling the library at 789-1550.

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To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLI-SECOND, ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment you have! Remember ... time waits for no one!!!

REMINDER:

A reminder to the parents of seniors ... we are having a SENIOR NIGHT on Monday, September 29th, in the High School cafeteria. At that time, we will be handing out booklets that will contain very pertinent information about the happenings during Senior year.

We will talk about college applications, resumes, job applications, and graduation requirements. There will be time for questions. So circle your calendars and join us from 7:00 to 8:00 that evening.

Cathedral High School is hosting a college fair on October 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. College fairs such as this one are terrific happenings to attend since they really jump start you and your child into thinking about the college scene and offer you opportunities to ask questions to college representatives.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

September 29th: Springfield Tech. Community College, 10:15; Sacred Heart University, 12:15.

September 30th: Bryant College, 10:30.

October 1st: UMass Lowell, 9:00; UMass Dartmouth, 9:45; Providence College, 10:15.

October 2nd: College of St. Rose, 10:45; Bentley College, 12:30; University of Rhode Island, 1:00.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

Skidmore College: Monday, October 13th.

Eugene Lang College: Sunday, October 12th, or Sunday, November 9th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mount Holyoke College: Sunday, October 19th to Monday, October 20th (overnight).

Worcester State College: Saturday, October 25th, or Sunday, November 16th.

Open House Slated At Bay Path College For Sat., Sept. 27th

Bay Path College will host an Admissions Open House on Saturday, September 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with registration from 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. in Deepwood Hall.

The event will offer prospective students and their families an opportunity to meet with members of the staff, faculty, and current students to learn more about Bay Path College, the variety of Baccalaureate and Associate degree programs offered, the application process, and financial aid.

Guests will also receive a presentation on "Getting the Most of a College Visit." Included during the program is a campus tour and a complimentary lunch for students and parents.

For information or to pre-register to attend, call (413) 567-0621 or toll free at 1-800-782-7284.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 29th: Steamed frankfurter in roll, oven potato puffs, mustard, relish, catsup, chilled diced pears, milk.

Tuesday, September 30th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, creamy cole slaw, chilled peaches or vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, October 1st: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and creamy dressing, applesauce, chocolate oatmeal bar, milk.

Thursday, October 2nd: Meatball sandwich in roll with tomato sauce and cheese, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, fresh Mac apple or cherry jello with topping, milk.

Friday, October 3rd: Cup of orange juice, grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, oven French fries with catsup, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Jr. High Addressing Substance Abuse

The Substance Abuse Prevention Program at the Agawam Junior High School is starting an **Alateen Group** for students.

If your son or daughter has been affected by alcoholism in a family member or close friend, this group might be helpful. The group would provide support and a safe place to talk.

All groups are facilitated and supervised by a licensed therapist.

Please contact Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, at 821-0546 or 821-0542 to sign up or to ask questions.

Sharon Chicklas Will Be Honored By The College Club

The College Club of Springfield will host its annual Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, October 18th, at the Longmeadow Country Club.

Among those to be honored at the luncheon will be Sharon Chicklas of Agawam, the most recent recipient of the club's scholarship. A 1997 graduate of Agawam High School, Chicklas is currently a freshman at Boston University.

The program for the luncheon will also feature Jean Burns, the Artistic Director of the Encore Players and a former member of the Valley Players in Holyoke. Her presentation is entitled *All the World's A Stage*, in which she will perform two short monologues, followed by a discussion of the theater and the Encore Players.

All members of the College Club are urged to attend this Scholarship Luncheon. The club's scholarship students can only enrich our lives and further encourage the club to assist young women as they pursue their education.

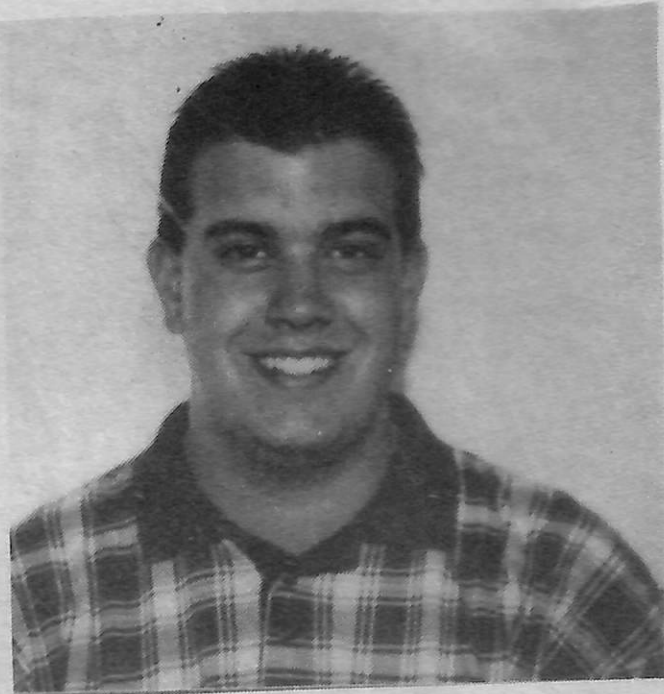
AHS Band To Be Featured At 1997 Weymouth Festival

Weymouth High/Vocational Technical School and the Weymouth Music Parents Association are the proud sponsors of the 1997 Weymouth Band Festival. This event will showcase the talent of marching bands throughout Massachusetts, and the Agawam High School band will be among the participants.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Legion Field in Weymouth, Massachusetts. (The rain date is Sunday, September 28th, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

The admission is \$4 for adults, and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

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MIKE DUTTON

Mike Dutton To Study In Seville, Spain

A junior at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, Mike Dutton will spend this semester studying in Seville, Spain, at the Universidad de Sevilla. With majors in both International Business and Spanish, studying in Seville is a prime location to learn the Spanish culture and language and travel in Europe.

A 1995 Agawam High School graduate, Mike hopes to work in the United Nations or an international corporation after graduation.

Currently, Mike is involved with Student Government, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, National Residence Hall Honorary, tutoring, Circle K, and the International Club while maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

Mike is the son of Brian Dutton of Feeding Hills and Ann Christopher of Agawam.

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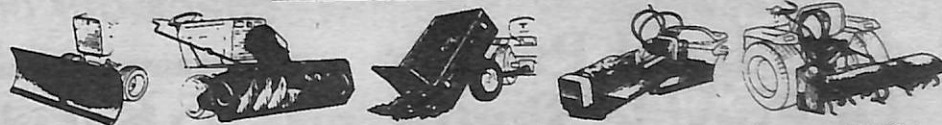
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Sports

AHS Field Hockey Gets 1st Win Over SH Tigers, 2-1...

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Their first three games of the season were against Southwick, Northampton, and Greenfield, all champions last season and true lions of Western Mass. field hockey. The Agawam High field hockey Brownies went down fighting to all three. Last Friday afternoon they hosted the Tigers, as in South Hadley, and came away in exciting fashion with a 2-1 win. It was their first foray into the left-hand column this year.

The Brownies were hungry for this win and it showed. Tri-captain Steph Fleming, helped out by Sara Nacewicz and another tri-captain, Alison Pratt, went on the attack at 26:10 of the first half. With the help of Kelli Kunkel, they pressured the South Hadley defenders. When the Tigers attempted to get the ball out of their zone, some good stick checks by Amanda Sternowski and tri-captain Melissa Berry stopped them cold. That stellar play saw the Brownies get a good opportunity at 16:30. They banged the ball around in a melee in front of the South Hadley goal. Even though they couldn't get off a good shot, the Brownies served notice that they'd come to play.

With nine minutes left, South Hadley made a run in the Agawam zone. Gina Cellilli, Sarah Latif, and Fleming stepped up and stopped the threat. From that point, until game's end, the momentum began to turn in favor of the Brownies.

The half ended with no score. Agawam had three shots on the South Hadley goal. The Tigers answered with two of their own.

Both teams were flying in the second half. But the Brownies were flying higher, especially on defense with Berry, Sarah Prussman, and Danielle DeForge leading the troops.

That extra aggressiveness hurt Agawam momentarily at 17:52 when they let the Tigers move in too close to the net. The ball shot out of a crowd and past sophomore keeper Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, who was screened and had no chance.

Locals Get Down To Business Of Winning

After that, the Brownies calmed down a bit and busied themselves with getting the win. Cellilli, Latif, and Sternowski began to click at midfield with nine minutes to go. Their efforts enabled the Agawam attackers to get free in the Tiger zone. The hard work paid off at 6:04 as Pratt got off a hard slapshot off a pass from Fleming. It was Agawam's first goal of the season and it knotted up the game at 1-1.

A tie would not be good enough for the win-hungry Brownies. With 1:30 left, the teams were involved in an intense midfield battle. Heather Hughes and Patty Zerra were working hard keeping the Tiger attackers at bay. Fleming took advantage of their tenacity by showing some of her own.

She took the ball and dribbled 20 yards through and around a host of defenders to the South Hadley goal. Once there, she stuffed it in for a 2-1 Agawam lead. The goal came with 29 seconds to play. A good all-around effort that day got the Brownies the hardfought win. Agawam had nine shots on net for a game total of 11. South Hadley shot three times, totaling five for the game.

JV Field Hockey Ties Mohawk & Westfield JV's

FIELD HOCKEY

The junior varsity girls' field hockey team played Mohawk to a 0-0 tie Monday afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Brownies finished with another tie, this time against Westfield, 1-1.

The young Bombers scored first. The Agawam team scored in the second half off a slapshot out of a crowd with seven minutes left by Marissa McLaughlin.

"We dominated the second half," JV Coach Beth Schroeder said. She was right; the young Brownies had 14 corner shots in the second 30 minutes.

On the freshman front, the locals played their first game of the year against Franklin Tech and came away victorious with a 2-0 win.

All the local news with us, each week



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' varsity field hockey team. Back row, from left - Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner, Robin Pryzbyla, Patty Zerra, Gina Cellilli, Sarah Latif, Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, Sarah Nacewicz, Sarah Prussman, Danielle DeForge, Heather Hughes, and Amanda Sternowski. FRONT ROW - Jen Zerra, Kelli Kunkel, Melissa Berry, Ali Pratt, Stephanie Fleming, and Shauna Hadden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

...Second Straight For Brownies In Fine 3-1 Effort Over Mohawk

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team won its second game in a row Monday afternoon, 3-1, at Mohawk Regional. Their first goal came at the 23-minute mark. Steph Fleming, on the right wing, made a perfect crossing pass to Kelli Kunkel, who slapped it home from 10 feet out on the left side to record her first score of the season. Forty seconds later, they lit the lamp again. This one came out of a crowd in front of the Mohawk net and off the stick of Sarah Latif, for her first score this year.

Mohawk scored with time running out in the

first half, which ended 2-1, Agawam.

The second half was a defensive battle until five minutes remained on the clock. Then, Fleming got her second goal of the year when she put home a crossing shot from Patty Zerra to close out the scoring.

"We had a good talk after those first three losses. We passed the stick and talked about a lot of things we hoped to accomplish this year. That meeting cleared the air. We know we are a good team. Now it's time to prove it," Brownie Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner said.

...Westfield Third Straight Victim Of Agawam High Field Hockey, 2-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It is better to be the hammer than the nail, at least according to the old song by Simon and Garfunkel.

That was the case with the Agawam High hockey team. They beat Westfield Tuesday afternoon, 2-1, to run their win streak to three. It's a welcome relief after being hammered three straight times to open the season.

In this one, the Bombers scored first. Brownie Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner had told her kids during their meetings, "If you are a better team, you will come from behind to win." They could see she meant what she said and produced for her.

Kelli Kunkel, off an assist from Steph Fleming, got Agawam's first goal at 12:35 of the first half to tie it up. It was her first goal of the year. "I told Kelli, 'You are a goal scorer and I expect goals from you,'" the coach said, praising the senior midfielder.

The half ended, 1-1. Agawam had six shots on goal. Westfield had five.

The only goal in the second half came again from Kunkel, assisted by Patty Zerra.

It was a total tour de force for the Brownies. Their record now stands at 3-3 plus a 1-1 slate in the Southern Division.

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AHS Golfers Have Little Trouble Vs. Cathedral, 13-5

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' golf team chewed up Cathedral, 13-5, on Tuesday afternoon at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. Number one player Chris Rousseau shot a one-under-par 34 to win his match, 3-0. After losing the first hole then playing all even over the next four, he went birdie, birdie, and par on the final three holes to get his win.

Kyle Gendron (at number two) recorded a 37. His opponent shot 38. It was a good, under-pressure score that saw him win his match, 2½-½.

Nick Bellefleur, at number three, split his match with a 41. "Nick was hurt by a couple of bad holes, or he would have won it," Brownie golf Coach Paul Bachini noted.

Sophomore Shawn Biebel went out of the number four slot. His even-par 35 took 2½ points for the Brownies.

The first four came in at up 9-3. All the Brownies needed from their final two was half a point. They got it and then some.

Bob Bousquet shot a 40, gaining 1½ points on a split.

Bob Woods, a sophomore in his first varsity match, did himself proud out of the number six spot with his first varsity win at 41, which grabbed 2½ points.

Agawam is 9-1 to date and 4-1 in the Valley Wheel after having a 30-match win streak snapped two weeks ago. "We are deep," Bachini noted. "We've had 12 different kids compete in our 10 matches."

At presstime, they have a big home date against unbeaten East Longmeadow.

Brownie Gymnastics Once Again Look Powerful In 1997

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High gymnastics team is getting ready to open its 1997 season on Friday, September 26th, at Gateway Regional. Last season, the Brownies were unbeaten. However, they lost in the Western Mass Tournament to Minnechaug Regional.

Two of the people who figured big last season were lost to graduation, Melanie DeMastrie and Kelly Mullen. But, according to second-year Coach Angela Sullivan, her kids will come on strong again this year. She'll have one senior on the roster — co-captain **Jessica Hansen**. "Jessica was important to us last year. She's even better now," Sullivan noted. "She'll compete in every event but the balance beam."

Three juniors are on the team. **Lindsay Hadden**, the other co-captain, returns after an off-season of training at Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics. "Lindsay will be an all-rounder. She is a real powerhouse," the coach said.

Along with Lindsay will be **Lisa Marsh** and **Amanda Peters**, both returnees from last season. Lisa is a dancer who showed well last year, despite her inexperience in gymnastics. "She has learned a lot. Now she can do all the exercises," the coach said, then added, "Lisa will be handling the bars, something she didn't do last season."

Amanda, meanwhile, will once again be counted on to pile up points in all the disciplines.

The lone sophomore returnee is **Stephanie Harnois**. Much like Peters, the coach expects Stephanie to help add points when it comes down to crunch time.

There are three newcomers: freshmen **Elizabeth Clark** (another product of Daggett's), **Michelle Blanchard**, and **Leila Sekkal**. The coach has this to say of Leila, who also trains at Daggett's: "She is in Lindsay Hadden's class. Last year, she was one of the top women gymnasts in the state."

Some of her kids also train at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills. Kelly Mullen helps run their program. The coach feels that between the Turnverein, Daggett's, and Mullen's expertise, she has some well-schooled talent to work with.

"Barring injury, we are looking at another good season," Sullivan noted. She feels that in girls' gymnastics, the bars are the thing that separates the good teams from the excellent teams. "It's a strength event," she said. "Every one of our girls can compete on the bars. Hopefully, we'll get an edge there if a meet comes down to the wire."



MEMBERS OF THE 1997 AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity golf team. Back row, from left - Andy Green, Kyle Gendron, Bill Gensheimer, Ryan Progulske, Nick Bellefleur, Andy Radwanski, Nick Penna, Shawn Biebel, Jon Couture, and Coach Paul Bachini. Front row - Brian Beglane, Ryan Morgan, Kacy Progulske, Chris Rousseau, Tim Corlett, Bob Woods, and Bob Bousquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Last Week Goes Very Well For AHS In Girls' Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team was on a roll last week. They won two straight games by impressive scores; 6-1 and 5-1 over Holyoke and East Longmeadow, respectively. Their record stood at 3-1 with an impressive 3.6 goals per game average while allowing only 1.75 per outing. They were also doing something Coach Mary Murray stresses every time they take the field - putting teams away.

Last Friday afternoon, West Springfield came calling. The mere mention of that town raises goosebumps on any Brownie who has to meet them in athletic action. The Terriers, cocky as ever, were unbeaten at 3-0-1.

Agawam came away with a 1-1 tie. Getting the deadlock wasn't easy. Nothing ever is against the kids from across the river.

The first half was mostly West Side's. Only some tenacious defense by Vanessa Galluzzo, Sheri Benton, and Jill DeMarco kept the Terriers at bay. When Agawam made some early rushes, they were led by Kristen Patterson, Barbara Maloni, and Amanda Tilden (who is all hustle on the right wing). Tilden (at the 24:23 mark) almost set up a Brownie score with a beautiful cross kick from the right side. Unfortunately, none of her teammates could quite reach the ball, which sailed behind the Terrier defense and 10 feet in front of the goalmouth.

With 8:32 to go in the half, West Side had spent a lot of time in the Agawam zone. Only the Brownie defense prevented some embarrassing situations. The Terriers were also dominating at midfield, making the Agawam attackers work hard at their transition game. The half ended with no score. Agawam had four shots on goal. West Springfield had six.

Defense Carries The Day

Things were still tense for the Brownies in the second half. But again, standout defensive play by Heather Arcangeletti, Benton, and Julie LaFlamme, among others, carried the day. Then, at 8:59, Amy Olstek drew the ball 50 feet in front of the Brownie net. She booted a hard shot into the right corner, for a 1-0 Terrier lead.

The West Side defense, buoyed by the goal, seemed to step up their play. That aggressiveness backfired with 4:54 left. Kristen Patterson, always shadowed by at least one player and sometimes double or even triple teamed, broke behind the defense. Galluzzo had the ball on the right side, saw Patterson get open and hit her with a quick pass. Patterson did the rest, driving the ball from 15 yards out into the Terrier net. The goal, Patterson's seventh of the season, tied it 1-1 all, where it stood until the final horn sounded.

Murray admitted later that her team didn't play all that well. Then she smiled, "But we'll take the tie."

Murray Tells Troops To "Remember This One..."

Minnechaug's Germain Blitzes AHS In 3-2 Falcon Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It is not unusual for the Agawam High girls' soccer team and the faithful who follow them to witness outstanding performances from Kristen Patterson, who proudly wears the number 11 on her jersey.

On Tuesday afternoon at Minnechaug Regional, they saw a stellar outing from number 11. Unfortunately, the number 11 who turned this one in was stitched on the green and white uniform of the Falcons' Jolette Germain. Her first-half hat-trick gave Minnechaug a 3-2 Kurty Division victory. Patterson, by the way, had two scores to run her season total to 11. That matches her total last year of 11. (Talk about numbers coming together, huh?)

Minnechaug started out fast, which gave the Brownie defenders a chance to strut their stuff. Coming into the game, they'd been a stingy bunch, allowing only 1.6 goals a game. There were led by Julie LaFlamme, Jill DeMarco, and Katie Benson. Vanessa Galluzzo and Heather Arcangeletti were also doing a good job guarding the wings.

Fifteen minutes into the contest, things were pretty even, though on paper it didn't look quite as close. The Brownies had come in at 3-1-1; Minnechaug at 3-1. Agawam was atop the division at 1-0. This was the Falcons' first league game.

At the 21:29 mark, Germain rose up for her first score. It came on a passing shot from Karisa Weltz. Number 11 drove it home for a 1-0 lead.

Agawam, not impressed, came back behind Amber Conte, Amanda Tilden, and Gina Loudfoot. The Falcon defense, which is formidable in its own right (four games, one goal allowed, .25 goals allowed), stepped up and blunted the Brownie drive.

At the 12:59 mark, Germain did it again. This time it had to impress someone. The junior flew down the right wing with her afterburners on. She was marked well, but it really didn't make much difference. From 30 yards out, she launched a laser beam that beat Brownie keeper Jen Quigley high right. Quigley had no chance. Make it 2-0, Falcons.

Goals Made Are Quickly Answered...

As so often happens in soccer, goals made are quickly answered. Agawam's number 11, who was double-teamed for a good part of the afternoon, took a dead-on pass from sophomore forward Gina Loudfoot (who is becoming a key player as the season goes along) at the 11:40 mark, in the right side of the Falcon zone. Patterson, who can blast with the best or feather a loft shot into the net, caressed this one home. Agawam had trimmed the score to 2-1.

Here came Germain again with 4:34 left in the

half. She flew down the right side and drilled the ball into the far left corner of the Brownie net for a 3-1 Falcon lead.

After it was over, Agawam Coach Mary Murray had this to say: "We were supposed to adjust to Jolette. They had another kid whom we had to mark as well, Karisa Weltz. She's as fast as anyone on their team. Our defense had a tough job today."

The half ended at 3-1, Minnechaug. They had nine shots on the Brownie net. Agawam came up with six.

Minnechaug was out big early in the second half. They were carrying the action to the Brownies. The rallying point for Agawam came between 33:02 and 32 minutes to go. Quigley stopped a point-blank Falcon shot, then (seconds later) blocked a back kick from Weltz.

A Charge In The Agawam Offense...

This put a charge into the Agawam offense. And as hard as they all worked, the whole deal came up a heartbreaker. They were on the attack at 25:36. Dianna DiStefano had a throw in from the left side. This came after a great defensive effort by the Loudfoot sisters, Dianna and Gina, that had produced a corner kick which didn't make it. DiStefano tossed a true ball in front of the Minnechaug net. Patterson was there to kick it home. The score now stood at 3-2, Falcons.

The heartbreaker showed up with 4:39 left in the game. Patterson broke free on the left wing. The Falcon defender, behind her and beaten, and realizing that Patterson either had a shot or a good opportunity for a crossing pass that would have set up a goal, tripped her. It was a clear case for a penalty kick. The Brownies got it.

Murray then made the decision of who would take the shot.

"Kristen was exhausted. In practice, Vanessa Galluzzo works on our penalty shots. She is very good," the coach said.

With that rationale in mind, she chose Galluzzo to tie the game. The shot, very hard but with no angle, went right into the arms of Falcon keeper Jen Conway. "I know I'm going to be second-guessed on it. But it was the right choice," Murray said.

Minnechaug dodged a bullet because Germain, who wasn't even on the list of the Kurty Division's leading scorers, had a career game. In her address to the team when everything was over, Murray (who leaves it all on the sidelines) told her Brownies, "You played very well in the second half. You let it get away early. We'll be seeing them again (October 17th) at our place. Remember this one."

AHS Boys Look Solid During 2-0 Shutout Over Chicopee

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

On Monday afternoon, before his soccer team met and beat visiting Chicopee, 2-0, Agawam High Coach Dwight Northrup was smiling like the cat who had just caught the canary.

At that time, his defending Churchill-Moriarty Division champs were 3-2-1 and once again atop the Division with a 2-0 record. The Pacers, coming in at 0-3-2, 0-1-1, were also a denizen of Churchill-Moriarty. So, a win would help solidify the Brownies' spot at the top.

Agawam was on from the get go. Jay Hanscom, Joe DiVirgilio, and Dave Thomas led the charge. For 5:30, the Brownies kept the ball in the Pacers' zone. When it was finally cleared, the Agawam defenders, led by sweeper Jay Flood, saw to it that the Chicopee attackers wouldn't enjoy prosperity for long.

Locals Strike Paydirt

With 6:15 gone, Agawam struck paydirt. Junior defender Rich Rodriguez threw the ball in from the right sideline. It sailed through the cool and bright afternoon air and landed in front of the Pacers net. Immediately, everyone in the vicinity pounced on it. The ball popped into the Pacer goal, giving the Brownies a 1-0 lead. It was an ironic score. The ball had bounced off a Chicopee player, creating what in soccer is called an "own goal," meaning the defenders had scored on

themselves.

It didn't make any difference to the Brownies, who were all smiles while the Pacers were gnashing their collective teeth.

Again, senior goalie Bryan O'Quinn showed why area coaches named him All-Western Mass. last year as a junior. With the shutout, his second in as many games, he now has three this season and 11 dating back to the 1996 campaign.

His shining moment in the contest came at the 27:10 mark of the half. Pacer midfielder Nick Veins got behind the Brownie defenders and launched a point blank shot. Bryan advanced to cut down the angle and, anticipating perfectly, made the save. He would have 10 for the afternoon.

Agawam was also passing well, with just about everyone getting into the act. Ryan Grealis and Jack Bisco (in the defensive end) got off a few, which helped the Brownies get the ball out of their zone. But the textbook demonstration came with 8:02 left in the half. Junior midfielder Brian Machos was flying down the right side. Ten yards ahead and to his left, senior forward Jay Moore was motoring up the middle.

And 10 yards to the left of Moore, junior midfielder Dan Balbony was pacing the play. It was a bang, bang job, straight from the conception of

the chalkboard to the inception on the field.

Brownies Take Two Goal Lead

Machos saw Moore break open and laid the ball right on his foot. Moore had a shot, but then he saw Balbony breaking in, also free and closer, with an even better shot opportunity. His pass was perfect and Balbony punched the ball home to put Agawam up, 2-0.

"We practice that play every day," Balbony smiled later. "I come in on the weak side. They are supposed to see me all the way, which they did, and get me the ball if they think I'm in a good position, which I was. We were all doing our jobs." It was Balbony's first varsity goal.

The score, along with the entire Agawam performance, prompted Northrup to make this observation. "This was our best team effort to date."

The second half went scoreless. But it was obvious throughout the final 40 minutes that the Brownies were not to be denied on this day.

Agawam had four first-half shots on goal and five in the second, for a total of nine. Chicopee went three and seven for a total of 10.

At this writing, Agawam leads their league, 4-2-1, 3-0, by virtue of a 2-1 Holyoke (2-4, 2-1) loss to Minnechaug. The Brownies' next game was a big one, Wednesday, September 24th, at Holyoke.

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Agawam High School Frosh & JV Roundup

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

FOOTBALL

On Monday afternoon, the Agawam High junior varsity football team hosted the young Pacers and blew them back up to Chicopee, 50-6. "I have to admit it was a little embarrassing at the end. I was trying to hold down the score. But how do you tell kids not to do what you practice doing all week?" JV Coach Dan Pryce said, shaking his head.

Agawam scored early and often. **Jason Daigneau** hit **Mike Wood** with an eight-yard TD pass. **Vic Romano** got the two extra points. Daigneau scored on an eight-yard scramble. **Mike O'Connor's** two-point conversion made it 16-0, Agawam.

Chicopee got its lone score in the second quarter. Agawam answered on a five-yard run by scatback **Dave Moore** (5'1", 111 pounds). Daigneau's two-point conversion made it 24-6 at the half.

The Brownies went right back to work in the third quarter. Daigneau returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for the score. Moore got the conversion to make it 32-6. It was more of Moore and a dash of Daigneau on the next Brownie possession. Moore took a pass, then tossed it back to Daigneau. Jason took it 35 yards to make it 38-6, Brownies.

Ryan Drobot, in at tailback, went up the middle for 12 yards and a score to end the third quarter.

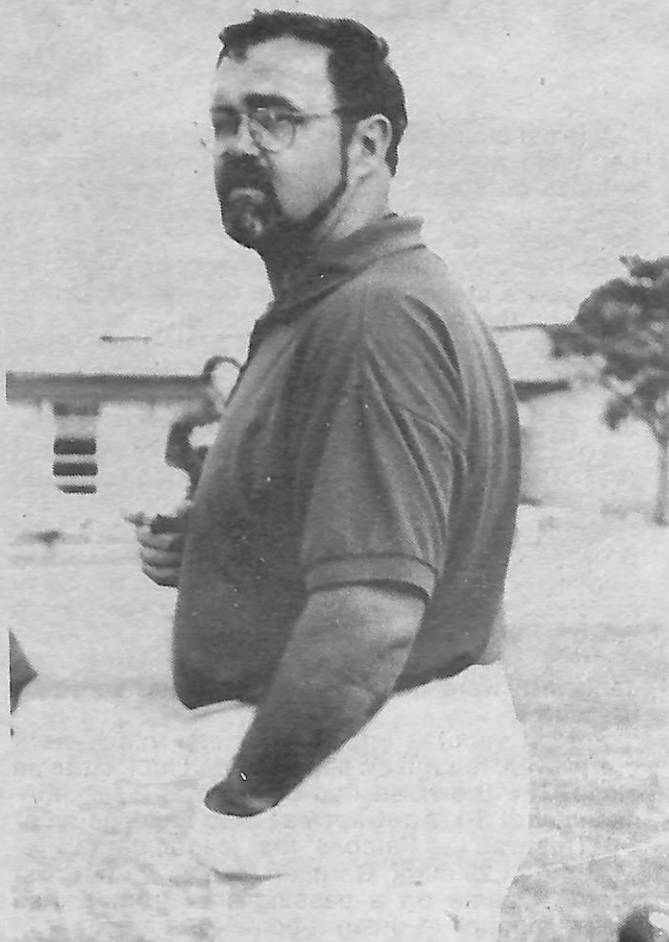
The Brownies' final TD came on a quarterback sneak in the fourth to make it 50-6. Mercifully, the clock ran out before the young Brownies could do more damage.

According to Pryce, that was a real possibility. "We could have run between the tackles all day long. And we dropped two balls in the endzone which should have been caught. I hate to think what the final score might have been."

The JV record now stands at 2-0.

The freshman football team beat Chicopee last Friday afternoon, 24-14, in its opening game of the season. Halfback **Justin Santinello** had two scores. Fullbacks **Tony Liquori** and **Matt Smith** also found the endzone. The Brownies led 12-0 at the half.

Coach Kirk Parker was pleased with the win. He



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL COACH Kirk Parker is doing an outstanding job getting kids ready for the next level. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

singled out the play of **Fran Ferrentino**, at defensive tackle, as one of the outstanding performances in the game.

BOYS' SOCCER

The junior varsity boys' soccer team ran its record to 5-2 with a 3-1 home victory Monday afternoon against Chicopee. **Brian Lopes** got the hat trick. The assists went to **Steve Bremelt**, **Brad Theriaque**, and **Danny Marsili**.

It was a nice return to the win column, according to JV Coach Glenn Olson, who saw his club get clubbed by Minnechaug last Thursday, 6-1. "We were flat after our 1-0 win over West Springfield. And Minnechaug was on their game," he admitted.

Agawam's lone goal in that one came from freshman **Aaron Gilbert** off an assist by another freshman, **Wes Scott**.

The freshmen boys also came out on top Monday, beating Chicopee, 2-0 at Lincoln Grove. Goal scorers for the frosh were **Steve Messing** and **Josh Dickman**.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Under the tutelage of Mike Dobise, the freshmen girls tied West Side last Friday, 2-2. Scoring for the Brownies were **Heather Newalu** (unassisted) and **Amy Jensen**, with an assist from **Emily Norris**.

On Tuesday afternoon, the freshmen beat Minnechaug, 3-0. Goal scorers for the very young Brownies were **David Flynn** and **Amy Jensen**. In the second half, **Cary Baum** scored off an assist by **Keegan Clark**.

Meanwhile, the Agawam girls' junior varsity soccer team tied Minnechaug, 1-1, on Tuesday. "We were lucky to get out of there with a tie," Coach Lynda Kunasek admitted. The lone goal scorer for the young Brownies was **Jill Gendron**, who tied things up for Agawam halfway through the first half.

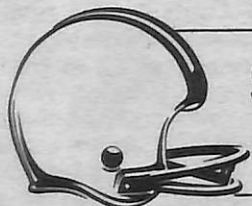
"We played some great soccer in the first half. It all went downhill after that," the coach admitted.

The JV record now stands at 4-0-1.

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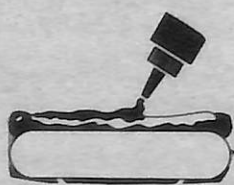


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Chicopee Runs All Over Brownies, 34-7...

A Long, Long Night For AHS Football

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Former University of Texas football Coach Darrell Royal used to say, "When you throw the ball, three things can happen and two of them are bad."

Chicopee High School strictly adheres to that dictum. Case in point — last Friday evening, they whipped up on Agawam, 34-7, at balmy Harmon Smith Field.

The football became airborne for them but one time. The damage was done via a land battle, using the triple option. It is an offense that's not pretty, but it can be totally confusing to a defense. And indeed, the Brownies, in the process of falling to their second straight loss on the young season, were indeed puzzled by it for most of the game (as they were at Szot Park a week earlier).

The option was born in the flatlands of the Midwest and in the foothills of the Rockies, under the name wishbone. It was an offense utilized by small teams like Oklahoma and Air Force, which used speed and deception to beat you rather than size to stomp you into submission.

Slowly, like an amoeba, it grew until many teams nationwide adopted the style, adding a twist or two here and there to meet their own ends. In the end, it became an offense not just for the quick and small, but the big and quick.

In his pre-game preview, Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli stressed that his club would need to play effective defense to have a chance. In reality, Agawam had no real defense for the Pacers, who have two backs who are indeed big and quick. Quarterback Tim Klett (5'11", 205) and powerful fullback John Cloutier (5'11", 230) operated behind an offensive line that is not that big, but mighty quick in their own right. Klett gained 240 yards on 22 carries. He found the endzone four times. Cloutier's numbers read 21 attempts for 127 yards.

In essence, the Brownies were playing the best of both worlds when they faced the Chicopee triple option.

It was hard to tell if the Brownies were ever in this one. They won the toss, took the kickoff, and started from their own 35. Vecchiarelli said they were going to run the ball. Brian Gallagher (20 attempts, 108 yards) got five and 10 yards on his first two carries. Then a penalty (delay of game) and two incomplete passes put them into a hole and forced a punt.

Chicopee went to work on its 15 with 9:21 left in the first quarter. After a seven-play drive of 5:27, they were camped out on the Brownie eight-yard line. The bulk of the work had been done by Klett and another big, quick back, Allen Furman (6'1", 230).

Something Became Obvious...

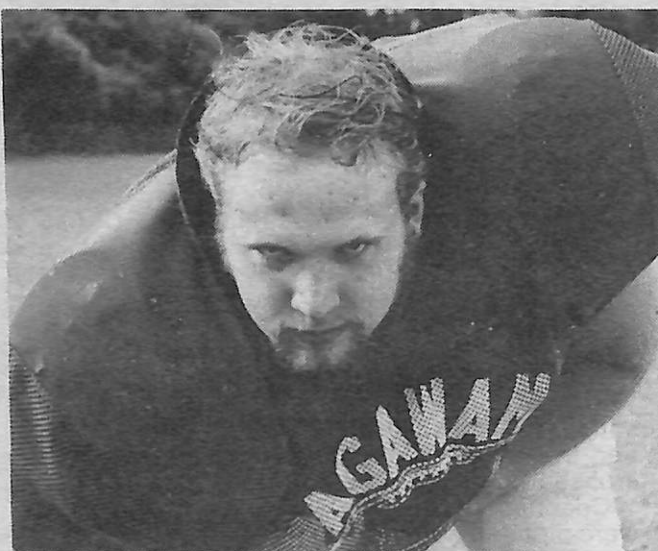
During that march, something became obvious. The Agawam defensive backs were making way to many tackles. Brian St. Jean made a saving one on Klett at the 10 to prevent a sure Pacer TD. But, this time at least, Providence was with the Brownies. Klett fumbled two possessions later. Agawam recovered at its own 12-yard line, thus dodging the bullet.

They had a lot of real estate to cover. Brian Gallagher took it twice for 12 and five yards, then got dropped for a two-yard loss. A blown end around lost 21 more and again they pushed.

Chicopee got the ball at its own 46-yard line. Three plays later, Klett, after a 47-yard sprint and a six-yard effort, scored from one yard out. The kick was shanked. The scoreboard flashed 6-0, Pacers.

Agawam's third possession of the evening showed some promise. The offensive line (center Mike Lovely, guards Ryan Wilson and George Graves, tackles Darrell Malachowski and Mike Aloisi, plus tight end Marc Pedraza) were on their assignments, blocking well. Fullback Vinny Curto was executing some heavy metal lead blocks for Gallagher. They had taken over at their own 37.

Behind rushes of nine, two, and two yards by Gallagher, plus an eight-yard completion to Mike Wing (3 recs - 58 yards) and two from Curto (6 car-



SENIOR LINEMAN GEORGE GRAVES patrols the trenches for AHS football. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

ries - 29 yards), they got to the Pacer 39. Then sophomore quarterback Brian St. Jean's (13-5, 70 yards, 1 int.) inexperience showed up. On second and eight, he tried for Wing on a short look-in. The left side defensive back, none other than Klett, read it all the way. He made the pick at the 35 and brought the ball to midfield.

Ten plays later, Cloutier burst in from the two-yard line. The two-point effort by Klett made it 14-0, Chicopee. Again, on this five-minute-plus drive, the Agawam defensive backs had to do more tackling of runners. That situation served notice to the coaching staff that the defensive line and the backers were having problems doing their jobs.

"When you play the option, everyone on defense has responsibility for one man. That's why our backs were in on so many tackles. But yes, some of the kids weren't measuring up," Vecchiarelli said.

Agawam's fourth possession was more of the same — frustration. They got the ball on their own 41. Gallagher got 14 yards on three carries. After a 12-yard strike to Wing, followed by two incomplete passes, St. Jean rolled out, had a notion, but good coverage forced him to run for seven.

With 2:12 left in the half and sorely in need of a score, the Brownies found themselves with a fourth and three at the Chicopee 26. Rightly so, they elected to go for it. That chance was blown by an offside penalty that put them back to the 31. When you are peering out from the bottom of a pit, eight yards is a mile longer than three. They were going to pass. But a bodacious Pacer rush put the skids to that.

Chicopee could do nothing on its final possession of the half. But the Brownies had a golden opportunity when they got the ball back. There were in good field position at the Pacer 47 with 1:26 to go. Gallagher, running hard as always, got seven on the ground and caught a ball for four more. He picked up another nine overland off the left side on a block by Malachowski that would have made John Hannah proud.

A Pass Situation...

With three seconds left in the half, the Brownies had a second and one at the Pacer 26. It was a pass situation. Everyone knew it. St. Jean faded back and took a look. The offensive line gave him the protection. Down in the endzone, Wing had faked Klett out of his jockstrap. Wing was open right, then left, while Klett tried to get dressed. The pass was a beat too late and a yard too short. Wing dove but looked at a bouncer.

The half ended 14-0, Chicopee.

The Pacers took the second-half kickoff from their own 21 into the Brownie endzone on a 69-yard, six-minute drive, which included two fourth-down conversions. Klett, on fourth and three from the Agawam 20, went over right tackle and down the right side for the touchdown. The score, after the blocked extra point, stood at 20-0, Chicopee.

The ensuing kickoff, though it wasn't meant to be like that, went inside into an Agawam upman. A fumble and a Pacer recovery saw the ball on the Brownie 42. By now, Agawam (again on defense) was becoming frustrated. They were hurt by an unsportsmanlike penalty. And they were hurt again by Klett.

At 4:02, he outran the defense for 23 yards and his third TD of the game. He also got the two-pointer (ho-hum) to make it 28-0, Chicopee.

Agawam was desperate now. They were trying hard and dying hard, going down big to a team that had more talent at one position (Klett) than they'd bargained for (operating in an offense designed for him).

Klett, who (in two games this year) has 363 yards on 42 carries (8.6 ypc) for six TD's, took the option on the right side and beat everyone for 60 yards and the score. Klett is a senior and an All-Western Mass performer. He must have college scouts (with their tongues scraping on the pavement) dribbling up to his door. The score, with 11:25 in the fourth quarter, showed the Pacers up, 34-0.

Agawam scored on its next possession. Wing took the kickoff 23 yards to the Brownie 33. Gallagher had 12. Curto contributed with five. Gallagher got 12 more. Curto went for 18. Wing caught a 12-yarder. Curto got three to the Chicopee seven. On second and seven, Gallagher took it over. Planzo kicked the extra point to make it 34-7, Pacers.

After that, the backup kids for both teams came in. It must be said that sophomore Dave Moore and junior Mike O'Connor (in the backfield) showed well for the Brownies.

INDIVIDUAL STATS — AGAWAM:

RUSHING: Gallagher — 20 carries - 108 yards (5.4), 1 TD - long, 12; Curto — 6 carries, 29 yards (4.8), long, 18; Moore — 4 carries, 21 yards (5.2), long, 8; O'Connor — 3 carries, 18 yards (6.0), long, 10; Daigneau — 2 carries, 9 yards (4.5), long, 7; B. St. Jean — 1 carry, 7 yards.

PASSING: B. St. Jean — 8 for 13, 70 yards, 1 int., 14 yards per throw.

RECEIVING: Wing — 3 for 58 yards (19.3), long, 34; Melbourne — 1 for 8; Gallagher — 1 for 4.

KICK-OFF RETURNS: Fuller — 3 for 20 (6.6), long, 8; Wing — 1 for 23; Lane — 1 for 18.

PUNT RETURNS: Wing — 1 for 19.

PUNTING: B. St. Jean — 2 for 82 yards (41.0), long, 42.

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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U9 Girls - "Twisters"

The Agawam Twisters defeated the Ludlow Dragons, 2-0. Cassie Ashwell scored the first goal of the game, assisted by Sarah Roos.

Stephanie Obue made the second goal, with a great assist by Sarah Wilson. Fullbacks Amy Dulude and Natalie Honsinger did a great job.

On Sunday, the Agawam Twisters won over Wilbraham by the score of 2-0. The first Agawam goal was recorded by Megan Lalli, and Stephanie Obue scored the second one of the contest.

Halfbacks Sarah Wilson and Erin Theriault did an excellent job of keeping the ball in the Twisters' possession. Goalie Michelle Santos saved three goals, and goalie Katlin Outhuse saved four goals.

According to the Coach Mike Obue, the Twisters' two victories last week were the result of "great teamwork."

Under 10 Girls' - "Hot Shots"

Last Saturday brought the Hot Shots together with the AJAC Angels and what a great game it turned out to be. The Angels have become a good, fun competitor to the Hot Shots.

After hearing that they had tied the tough Holy Cross team, we knew we would have our work cut out for us. The game was everything we expected with many shots on the goals at both ends of the field.

Our newest goalie was well tested on this day and she did a great job. It was about the 17-minute mark when our center sent a bullet of a shot into the AJAC goal and put the Hot Shots on the board. With a new string of Hot Shots on the field, our right forward, three minutes later, launched what looked like a sky ball into the top of the net, putting the Hot Shots up by 2.

We finally broke the string of 0's at the half; Hot Shots 2, AJAC 0. For the second half, we moved some players around. AJAC took advantage of this and was able to put a ball by our goalie, thus reducing our lead to one. Everyone finally settled down in their new positions and was able to contain the AJAC offense. At the 18-minute mark, our right wing was able to clear the AJAC defense, and drove the ball into the net for the Hot Shots' final goal. Both teams played very well with the outcome Hot Shots 3, AJAC 1.

On Sunday, the Hot Shots met with one of the tough Ludlow teams, the Terrors, and they lived up to their name. After losing to the Hot Shots in the Riverside Classic, we knew that they had come to play hard.

Shots were being taken at both goals with Ludlow putting the first one in about halfway through the first half, only to be taken away because of an offside player. Soon thereafter, they put one in the net that did count.

The first half ended Ludlow 1, Hot Shots 0; there's that dreaded halftime "0" again. The second half turned out to be more of the same except the Hot Shots were putting the pressure on the Ludlow defense. We had many opportunities to score only to be denied by the Ludlow defense and some wide shots to the goal.

Then, towards the end of the game, the Terrors put the pressure on the Hot Shots' defense and was able to close out the game by shooting a nice rainbow shot over our goalie to end the game at 2-0.

Next Saturday, we play the Terrors' sister club, the Lions, and on Sunday, we get a second time at the Terrors.

U13 Girls - "Agawam Cougars"

Cool weather plus the Agawam Cougars equals great soccer!

Within the first five minutes of play on Sunday, September 21st, the Cougars scored against the Ludlow Stingers. Lindsay Francis wasted no time bringing the ball downfield to Erin McClane, whose goal attempt was foiled by the Ludlow goalie, but was quickly tipped in by the Cougars' Jodie Pfau.

Strong defensive play came from Christina Knodler, Brittany Theriaque, Heather Cox, and Ashley Marek. Sabrina Brizzolari played fearless once again. Excellent ball control and passing skills were displayed by Andrea Conte, Katie Baum, and Sarah Leydon, as well as Caitlin Holland and Ashleigh Chrusciel.

Both Kaitlin Haglund and Gina Saimeri played solid goal, making some superb saves. Ludlow tied in the last 10 minutes when the ball hit the crossbar and dropped in.

Coaches Bruce Theriaque and Rich Haglund were pleased with the team's performance on that day. The Cougars' record now stands at 3-2-1.

U13 Girls "Agawam Tigers"

Halfway through the schedule, the U-13 Agawam Tigers were solidly in second place with a 5-1-1 record in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League's Girls' A Division.

On Tuesday, September 15th, at the Agawam Middle School, the Tigers faced Our Lady of Hope and came away with a 1-0 victory. OLH played a spirited game while the Tigers were flat throughout. OLH had several good chances to score in the first half but goalie Vicky Taylor once again played strong in the nets.

The Tigers did manage to apply pressure in the second half but it was still scoreless with less than two minutes remaining. However, Center halfback Whitney Brown scored on a direct kick after right wing Kaitlin Sardella was dragged down just outside the penalty area. Whitney's shot was a bullet into the upper left corner of the net.

On Saturday, September 20th, the Tigers faced the Wilbraham Falcons, a team that made the semi-finals in the recent Riverside Soccer Classic. The Tigers had the better of the play in the first half as left wing Meaghan Brown was thwarted on a breakaway and a semi-breakaway by the Wilbraham goalie. Striker Danielle Cirillo also helped to keep the pressure on.

Most of the second half was fairly even but the Tigers scored the game's only goal with just under 10 minutes left in the game. Halfback Aimee Beaudette (who played an outstanding second half) made a nice throw-in to wing Kaitlin Sardella, who deked the Wilbraham fullback and then lofted in a shot from just inside the penalty area over the goalie's head and into the net.

The last eight minutes were frantic as the Falcons desperately tried to score. Goalie Vicky Taylor made several outstanding stops, including one on a deflection that came through a mob in front of the net following a corner kick.

Fullbacks Tricia Fitchen, Melissa Savenko, and Sheri Laskowski played strong games, as did sweeper Kim Hoague.

On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, at the Junior High, the Tigers defeated a hustling Westfield team, 2-1. While the Tigers had the definite territorial advantage in this game, Westfield played a strong, aggressive game from start to finish.

The Tigers scored one goal in each half off corner kicks from Kaitlin Sardella. The first goal came early in the first half when the corner deflected off a defender and fullback Tricia Fitchen hit a left-footed screamer into the left corner from just inside the penalty area.

Westfield came back to score midway through the half after a scramble in front of the goal. The game winner came early in the second half after the corner kick deflected off the goalie, bounced around in front, and halfback Nicole Gendreau knocked it home.

Westfield managed to penetrate into the Tigers' turf a few times in the second half but were thwarted by sweeper Melissa Savenko, halfback Aimee Beaudette (another strong second half), center halfback Whitney Brown, halfback/fullback Jen Sharpe, Danielle Cirillo (who plays well wherever needed), and goalie Vicky Taylor.

U9 Boys - "Ball Hogs"

This past weekend brought one victory and a first defeat of the season for the Agawam Ball Hogs.

On Saturday against the Ludlow Police, in the first 10 minutes of the game, two successful penalty kicks by front linesman Chris Darnell, accompanied by the strong defensive teamwork of Allan Murphy, Chris Wyman, Brandon Shuwalter, and Sean Conway, led the Ball Hogs to a 2-0 victory. Goalie Jason Polek played his third shutout.

Despite a 2-0 loss against the Holy Name Thunder on Sunday, the Ball Hogs dominated the second half with several shots on net by Anthony DePalma, Ryan Wytrych, Chris Darnell, and Thomas Albano. Thanks to Chris Wyman for superb defense throughout the game. The Ball Hogs' record stands at 3-1-1.

Next weekend, the Ball Hogs will host Our Lady of Hope on Saturday and visit Cold Spring in Belchertown on Sunday.

Under 10 Boys - "Cheetah's"

One goal has determined most of the Cheetah's games this season. This weekend was no different. On Saturday, Agawam met Spaulding F.C.

Chris Scuderi scored late in the first half and Agawam led 1-0 most of the game. With 20 seconds left in the game, Agawam was penalized with a hand ball and despite a great effort by goalie Anthony Ardolino, Spaulding scored to give them a 1-1 tie.

Prior to this, Anthony had been tough, stopping at least 10 shots by Spaulding.

On Sunday, the Cheetah's met Springfield Juventas. This was a skilled team that scored midway in the first half with a shot over the head of goalie Dan Comee.

With Agawam playing hard, Sam Mancini put in a rebound of John Leydon's shot to give Agawam the 1-1 tie.

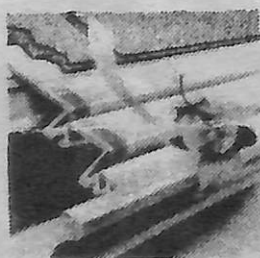
Agawam's tough defense has not allowed more than one goal per game this season, with their record at 2-1-3.

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Under 11 Boys - "Agawam Attack"

The Agawam Attack boys' soccer team continued to play against strong competition this past week. On Thursday night, the boys hosted an up-and-coming Westfield team that always seems to play them tough.

The first half was total domination by Westfield and right before the half, they scored to take a 1-0 lead. The boys from Agawam picked up their play in the second half but really didn't even come close to scoring and fell by that 1-0 score.

This was just one of those "off" nights and you just have to forget about it and move on. Saturday came and the Attack traveled to Wilbraham to take on the Falcons. The Attack looked like they were ready to play right from the start and came close to scoring in the first minutes of the game. At the 10 minute mark, Joey Albano walked in alone on the Falcons keeper and faked him out and went around him to score the game's first goal.

About 10 minutes later, Andrew King also walked in alone and scored an almost identical goal using the same move. The Attack looked in control until Wilbraham scored a picture perfect goal that even the Agawam people had to admire. Off a corner kick, the Falcon player put the ball in the far corner using a bicycle kick move.

The score at the half was 2-1, Agawam. Late in the second half, Wilbraham tied the game at 2-2 and that's the way the game ended. Kyle Perry made some fine saves for the Attack and he was also helped defensively with strong efforts from Seamus Moran, Scott Santinello, David Summers, and Kevin Bienia.

Under 14 Boys - "Rockets"

Strong team play highlighted the Rockets' games the third week of PVJSL season. Shawn Mercadante recorded his third shutout of the season in goal as the Rockets defeated Springfield United, 2-0.

Brian McGuire, Matt Zajdel, and Tony Valenti played tough defense helping Merc keep Springfield off the board until the offense could get started. John Lynch scored the first goal of the game on a play started by a Rob Cullen shot that was deflected away at the last second by the Springfield goalie.

Adam Rovithis quickly picked up the loose ball and slipped it over to John for the goal. Agawam's second goal came on a textbook header by Evan Machos off a great corner kick from Matt Ligenza.

Game two of the weekend saw the Rockets play most of the game in the opponent's end of the field as they handed Longmeadow a 5-0 loss.

Shawn Mercadante opened the scoring three minutes into the game. Midfielders Vinny Outhuse, Jamie DePeschio, and Mike DeCaro kept the ball in the Longmeadow end until Adam Rovithis scored on a beautiful feed from Brian Knight.

The second half was a carbon copy of the first half with Brian Knight adding a goal and Matt Ligenza scoring two goals to round out the scoring.

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UNDER 10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Lyman's Gold	6	0	0	12
Maloney's Navy Blue	3	2	1	7
Brewster's Maroon	3	2	1	7
Gould's Orange	2	3	1	5
Wood's Green	2	4	0	4
Pfau's Royal Blue	1	2	2	4
Klimczak's Red	0	4	1	1

UNDER 12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Patrick's Blue Sonic	5	1	0	10
Adams' Blue Lightning	4	1	1	9
Francis' Orange Crushers	3	2	1	7
Zmaczynski's Big Green	3	2	1	7
Chiclana's Golden Eagles	2	3	1	5
Rollins' Red Hot Peppers	1	3	2	4
Morace's Maroon	0	6	0	0

UNDER 14 COED	W	L	T	P
Southwick	5	0	0	10
Heneghan's Red	4	1	0	8
Fournier's Royal Blue	3	3	0	6
Spear's Green	1	3	1	3
Hamre's Orange	0	3	1	1
Fleming's Blue Vikings	0	3	2	2

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Kelly's Navy Blue	3	0	0	6
Cincotta's Big Green II	2	1	0	4
Gaffney's Red	1	2	0	2
Fleming's Orange	0	3	0	0

U10 BOYS' TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Nawskon's Lightning	4	0	1	9
Foley's Green Machine	4	1	0	8
Mokrzycki's Golden Warriors	3	2	0	6
Sabola's Minutemen	3	2	0	6
Gonyeau's Red Dogs	2	2	1	5
Holmes' Blue Bombers	0	4	1	1
Skolnick's Men In Black	0	5	1	1

U12 BOYS' TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Lyman's Blue Hawks	4	0	0	8
Ferreira's Knights	2	0	2	6
Harlow's Fighting Irish	1	1	2	4
Martin's Gold Lightning	1	2	1	3
Myers' Red Storm	1	2	1	3
Moysis' Strikers	0	4	0	0

Wheelchair Soccer Being Supervised By AHS Graduate

A collaboration between two organizations for athletes with disabilities is bringing the popular sport of Wheelchair Soccer to Springfield.

The only Wheelchair Soccer team in Western Massachusetts is being co-sponsored by Adaptive Sports & REC, a program of Child & Family Service of Pioneer Valley and the US Sports and Fitness Center for the Disabled.

The first team practice took place on Wednesday, September 24th at Springfield College.

Indoor Wheelchair Soccer is an exciting co-ed sport that is played by athletes with any of 58 different physical disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to spinal cord injuries and amputation. Players are classified by their functional ability to ensure that athletes with severe limitations and those with minimal limitations can participate equally.

The game, which is played on a basketball court with six players per team, is composed of two 25-minute halves during which players pass, dribble, and shoot with either their hands or feet.

Agawam High School graduate Nancy Bazanchuk, Program Coordinator of Adaptive Sports & REC, says that Wheelchair Soccer is a sport that local athletes have been wanting for a long time. In addition to introducing the first team of its kind in the area, the organizers have high hopes for fielding a competitive team in the very near future. Bazanchuk says, "We have already been invited to a tournament and we hope to be competing as a team by November."

For more information, please contact Nancy Bazanchuk at 788-9695 or Sal Ficara at 748-3793.

Food Booths At Soccer Jamboree Set For Jr. Women's Club

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be providing two mini food booths at the Soccer Jamboree this year. At the SHEA/ROBINSON Park Complex, they will be serving hot dogs, coffee, soda, chips, candy, and baked goods for your convenience.

At the Agawam Junior High School, soda, chips, and candy will be served. The Agawam Junior Women's Club looks forward to another exciting weekend of soccer as only the AGAWAM/SOUTHWICK teams can provide. Let's cheer them on as best we can.

Again, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be requesting a **canned good** from Agawam parents to feed our less fortunate families during the holidays, which are just around the corner.

Your contributions during this drive are greatly appreciated by all families. A FOOD BASKET will be available at both locations.

Keep in mind that very often, the Agawam Junior Women's Club's food baskets are given to a family who has lost a head-of-household, a job, or discovered a serious illness at this time of year. That person could be YOU!

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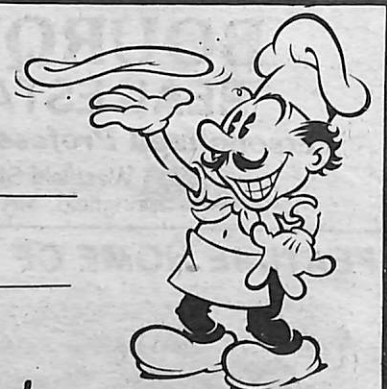
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Fall Fishing Has Arrived

Fall fishing has arrived, at least to the thermometer. The Division will be stocking some dandy sized trout into area waters. Congamond Lakes will also receive a bonus in the form of some more Atlantic salmon broodstock.

These fish have outlived their reproductive usefulness, and will be available to anglers as "Landlocked Salmon."

Of interest to catfish anglers, Darrell Hudspeth caught a huge 77-pound, eight-ounce Flathead Catfish in the Missouri River, Missouri.

The big cat was landed on May 1, 1997, and according to the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, clinched the record for a six-pound line in the Division I category.

Closer to home, Roger Aziz, Jr. grabbed Division I records for a 14-pound, 12-ounce mirror carp, caught on the Merrimack River here in the Bay State.

There are some record fish swimming in our waters and it's up to you to find them!

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Valley lakes and ponds are producing some nice catches or "fat and healthy" largemouth bass.

Fall stocking of trout will supplement holdover populations and keep area anglers busy. Major streams and rivers such as the Westfield (which should properly be called the Agawam) River will receive some nine to 12's and a few bonus trout that will make any angler smile.

SALT WATER

The annual fall migration of stripers and blues should be getting underway. Last week's "Big Blow" has interrupted some of the fishing patterns from the Cape to the Watch Hill reefs and out to Block Island and Montauk Point.

Overnight tuna trips have had spotty results according to some of the party boat operators. When the yellowfin show up, the action is fast and furious. Others have not found the tuna but have been deluged with sharks. The mix includes both brown and blue shark, with an occasional thresher or mako thrown in for good measure.

The New York State B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation (N.Y.S.B.C.F.) and the Greene County Promotion Department are holding a **Bass Charity Tournament**, October 12, 1997, on the Hudson River at Catskill, New York. A significant portion of each entry fee will be donated to the **Children's Miracle Network** and the **Children's Center at Albany Medical Center**.

A team format will be used. Payback is based on the number of entries. First place team will win \$2,000, providing there is a minimum of 50 teams. Anglers need not be a member of N.Y.S.B.C.F. to fish and no horsepower restrictions will apply.

The Hudson River will be off limits to team participants from October 6th through October 10th, 1997. Saturday, October 11th will be the official practice day, with one day of team competition occurring on October 12th. Entry fee is \$125 per team.

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Golf Tip Of The Week...

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A Final Tip For 1997...

This week's golf tip will conclude this weekly series for 1997. As always, the summer months have flown right by us. October and November will have its share of good golf days, so hopefully you will keep swinging until the snow flies.

My special thanks to Ric Sardella of *The*

OUR THANKS to Golf Pro Jim Modzelesky for another great season of "Golf Tip Of The Week."

Agawam Advertiser News for allowing me the space in his newspaper the past 25 weeks for my golf tips.

Somewhere throughout the course of my golf tips, I hope that at least one tip had a positive effect on your golf game. I look forward to coming to all of *The AAN* readers once again with my golf tips in 1998.

So again, keep swinging and you will learn by this final tip that practice is the real key to the success of your golf game.

ONE LAST THOUGHT — PRACTICE!

The amount you are willing to work on every aspect of your game will largely determine just how much of your potential you will realize.

Ben Hogan said it best: "For every day you miss playing or practicing, it takes one day longer to be good."

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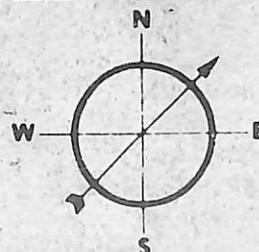
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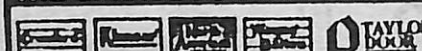
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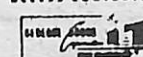


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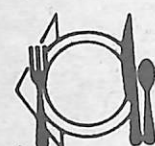
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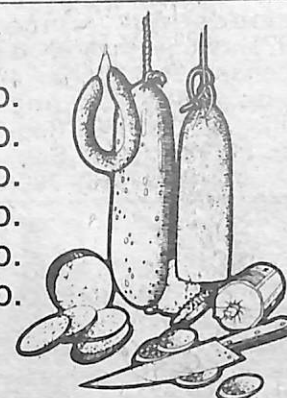
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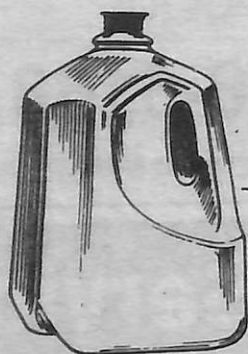
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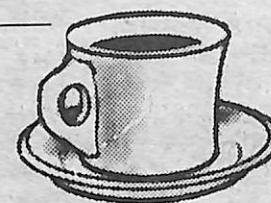
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